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PREFACE

THE three years comprised in the present volume (Sept., 1722—August, 1725) are not important ones in Hearne's life, but his Diary fully keeps up its literary and historical interest. There is less about coins, and fewer extracts from books, and fewer dissertations on antiquarian points. But the obituary notices of friends and foes in Oxford and elsewhere, and the current gossip of the University and City are very well represented. The deaths which most affected Hearne were those of John Bridges, his correspondent, on March 16, 1724, Hilkiah Bedford on Nov. 25, 1724, and before them that of his aged father, George Hearne, parish clerk of White Waltham near Maidenhead, who died after a long period of decrepitude on Oct. 18, 1723. It appears that Hearne knew nothing of the event till two days after the funeral!

Hearne's literary activity was well kept up, for Heming's *Chartulary of Worcester* was published in 1723, Robert of Gloucester's *Chronicle* in 1724, and Langtoft's *Chronicle* in 1725, but they are not suffered to overload the Diary as in some former years. There were several persons yet living in Oxford who well remembered the Civil War, and Hearne's conversations with them will be found at pp. 173, 243, 374. The subject which most agitated the University was probably the difficulties of University College over the election of Thomas Cockman as Master in Dec., 1722. Among smaller matters of interest are notes on the All Souls Mallard (p. 35), wells in Oxford (pp. 135, 164), Joe Pullen's tree (p. 174), the royal deed instituting the Regius Professorship of Modern History (p. 218), and All Souls Library (pp. 222, 225). There is also a reminiscence of the Roman Catholic Dean of Christ Church in his old age (p. 343); and much more to which the Index will guide the reader, unless he wisely prefers to go straight through the volume.

As before, the selection of a few passages to be left out has been entrusted to myself (they are chiefly extracts from printed books, and the like), and Mrs. New has transcribed the Diary, calendared the correspondence, composed the Index, and taken the whole through the press. About four more volumes, it is hoped, will complete the Diary, and perhaps a couple more might contain the more important parts of Hearne's miscellaneous volumes of notes.

F. M.

December, 1907.

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Sept. 23 (Sun.), 1722. The Church of Old Windsor in Berks. is ancient, and consists of one Isle, in w^ch^ is an octogon font (in the Angles of which are a W, a cross, 2 cross Keys, a Rose, a Lilly, an Anchor, & 2 defaced[1]). There are also in that Church some Remains of old painted Glass, very much ruinated, only some little Arms and Devices remaining, among which an Eagle playing upon a Kettle drum, with sticks in each Claw. Another bird playing on a Lute, or suchlike Instrument of Musick. A Man's head, very fair & entire, with a cross raised above[2] his forehead. In the same Window, in old Norman Spelling: 'pries pour laulm'; before the Glass was broke was added: 'de Ralph Tyle', as my learned Friend, the Rev^d^ D^r^. Thomas Girdler (from whom I had these Things by Letter dated at Old Windsor, Sept. 10, 1722), was informed by the worthy Vicar. The grave Stone is underneath, which is a large stone coffin, jetting out of the wall, on which was fixed a Brass plate, eaten up by age, with an image of a man and woman roughly delineated, and these words, before the repairs of the Church much plainer than at present, in the same Norman spelling: 'Raulf Tyle et sa femme icy sont enterrez; dieu de leur ame aye pitie.' In the neighbourhood, under the next window, is a slip of brass, much more modern & entire, on w^ch^ is written the 2 following Lines, in old letters, but the same spelling:—

Orate pro anima Thome Tyle, quondam Constabular. Castri de Wynd'sor, | qui obijt ibidem xvii die Januarij, anno domini millesimo ccc^o^ lxxx^o^ nono. |

An old, large stone coffin dug up in the present Vicar's garden, where it now is.

Sept. 24 (Mon.).

They write from Minchinghampton in Gloucestershire that there has lately been discovered at Woodchester, near that Place, a most curious Roman Pavement in Mosaick Work, of a considerable Extent, wherein are represented Birds and Beasts in their proper Colours, and a great Variety of

[1] Sic.

[2] 'above' [MS. upon.' Hearne has written 'Sic' against this.]

ingenious Devices, all extreamly beautiful in the Workmanship. The whole spreads it self through the greatest part of the Church-yard, and some part of it is found in the Church it self. The Ground was open'd in several Places, at the Expence of Edmund Browne, of Redborrow, Esq., who sent to M^r. Bradley on purpose to take a Draught of this excellent Piece of Curiosity.

So in Mist's Journal for Sat., Sept. 22, 1722, & I am told 'tis in other News Papers. Perhaps 'twas inserted by M^r. Bradley himself. But 'tis not a new Discovery, the Pavem^t having been found many Years agoe, and 'tis in Gibson's Camden.

Sept. 29 (Sat.). Last Tuesday[1] I walk'd into Windsor Forrest, & return'd, afoot also, last Night.

Above the Stone that shews Oxford way at Dorchester is the Trace of a strange old Path, as appears from the Corn when it comes to be almost ripe, which then is of a quite different Colour from the rest, like that at Silchester.

In the Back side of one Rich^d Elton's at Dorchester is a very large Stone Coffin (the biggest, I think, that ever I saw), above 2 Yards long. In this figure.

[Rough drawing of the coffin omitted.]

They call it now the Horse Trough.

I met with four Coyns at Dorchester, one of w^ch a Silver one of Antoninus Pius, all found in Overey Field.

Old M^r. Bannister (who used to love mightily to talk of Antiquities) I found extreamly ill in bed. His Wife (a Woman of 68 years of age) died about four Months since.

I went through Ewelm, a Quarter of a Mile from w^ch is Gouldsheath, and about 2 Furlongs East from the said Ewelm passeth the lower Hackney way. About 2 Miles from Ewelm is Harcourt Hill, in Ewelm Warren, at w^ch Hill the Butcher's Boy of Watlington lately found the Roman Coyns & a piece of an Urn. The Butcher at Watlington's Name is Anthony Atherton.

When I goe to Watlington, I must remember to call upon one Rich^d Haynes, a Shoemaker.

One Leaver of Potter's (as he is call'd) lives at the Foot of Harcourt Hill. Leaver of May's Farm lives on the right hand of him, the two Farms being about a Mile apart. Leaver of Potter's rents Ewelm Warren. He is an old, sullen, cross, hoggish Fellow, & so is his Son, who lives with him. I could get no manner of Intelligence from them about the Coyns. They would hardly own there were any found.

There is an old way that goes just by the Place where they were found, and this, I believe, is a part of the upper Hackney way.

Harcourt Hill, as to its Name, betokens that here was a Town or some Castle. Harcourt perhaps should be Harcot. *Har* signifies old, & *cot* a Mansion. But if the Syllable *court* be retained, it will signify an *old Court.*

[1] Sept. 25.

I met with a Coyn, a little above Harcourt Hill, wch they told me was found at this Hill. It is a Brass one of Trajan's.

I had some Conversation at Shottesbrooke with Madam Dodwell, Relict of the famous Mr. Dodwell. She told me she design'd in a little time to send her eldest Son Henry (who, with his Brother, Wm Dodwell, goes to School at Ockingham), to some University, and she propos'd Oxford. She said Mr. Dodwell said he would have him go either to Dublin or Oxford. For my part, I am sensible my Advice will not be taken by her; but were it my own Affair, & I were to give Advice to my self, I would send him to Dublin, (1) because Mr. Dodwell himself was educated there, (2dly) because his Estate lyes in Ireland, & he will by that means be the better capable of becoming acquainted with it. But if, notwithstanding this, I were to prefer England, I would then send him to St. John's College in Cambridge, wch hath produc'd so many honest men, & where are several now of Mr. Dodwell's nonjuring Principles, a Thing wch cannot be said of any one College in Oxford.

I came from Henly by Gray's Court, where are still 2 or 3 very old Towers. It hath been a most notable Thing, & abundantly more large than at present. It now belongs to the Widow of Wm Paul, of Bray Wick, Esq. It hath been a Castle, without doubt.

Between Gray's and Nettlebed is Highmor. I think it should be High meer, *meer* signifying a Boundary[1]. Here is a prodigious Quantity of black Cherries, wch grow in the very Hedges.

Oct. 4 (Th.). On Tuesday, the 25th of last Month, one Francis Matthews, Hostler at the Angel Inn in Oxford, rode for a Wager of 20 Guineas from Burford to Oxford. He undertook to do it in an Hour, but lost by half a Minute. He is a Man near 50 years of Age, & his Horse not extraordinary.

Oct. 5 (Fri.). Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, hath got a fine MS. Polychronicon, for wch a Bookseller hath offered him fifteen Guineas, provided he would (as he will not) part with it.

Oct. 6 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when Dr. Shippen was continued Vice-Chancellour another Year, this being his

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[Oct. —, 1722.] H. to [W. Bromley] (Rough draft, Rawl. 39. 162). Received letter on his return from the country last week. 'The Hist. of Glast. was written by a very pious, worthy Gent., wch is all I shall now say of him.'

Oct. 2, 1722. W. [Fleetwood, bp. of] Ely, to H. (Rawl. 27b. 283). Thanks for Glastonbury; 'but I can not well forbear Saying that 'tis pitty So much care & diligence of So correct an Editor Should be employed on Such poor Legendary Stuffe as your Friend's History is made up of.' Will thank H. in some better manner.

Oct. 2, 1722. T. Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 98). Thanks for letter and parcel. Has ordered Mr. Booth, butler of Wadham college, to pay £2 12s. Has met with nothing about Heming.

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[1] It is rightly call'd Highmor, or Highmore, being an high, barren, dry Ground.

fift Year. His Provice-Chancellours are Dr. Charlett, Dr. Dobson, Dr. Morley, & Dr. Mather.

Oct. 7 (Sun.). On Friday Night last came to Oxon., with his Wife & one of his Daughters (a little Girl), & a Man servant and Maid Servant, Dr. Henry Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, & they all lay in the Hall that Night, and so they continue to do, he having brought with him two Waggon Loads of Goods, wch were five days in coming out of Derbyshire.

Oct. 8 (Mon.). When I was the other day at Dorchester, Mr. Davy, a very honest Roman Catholick Farmer of that Place, shew'd me Cressy's Church History, wch had been left him as a Legacy by one of his own Perswasion, the Book being now grown scarce. I had much Discourse with him about Antiquities, with wch he is much affected.

To Madam Dodwell, of Shottesbrooke in Berks., abt her Son:—

Madam,

As to what we were discoursing of lately, I am very sensible you will be guided & directed by much abler Persons, & therefore I will not pretend to advise you. But were it my own Case, and I were to give Advice to my self, I would send him to Dublin. First, because Mr. Dodwell himself was educated there, and secondly, because it is the most likely method of bringing him acquainted with his Estate. But then, if, notwithstanding this, I were to prefer England, I would cho[o]se St. John's College in Cambridge, in wch are more honest Men produced than in any one other College among us.

I thank you for the eleven shillings you pd me in full for the Antiquities of Glastonbury, and am,

Madam,
Your most obl., humble servt,
THO. HEARNE.

Edm. Hall, Oxon.
Oct. 8, 1722.

Oct. 9 (Tu.). Dr. Stukley, Fellow of the Royal Society, is making Searches about the Roman Ways. He is a very fancifull Man, and the Things he hath published are built upon fancy. He is look'd upon as a Man of no great Authority, & his Reputation dwindles every day, as I have learn'd from very good hands. He hath publish'd a Draught of Old Verulam, with strange, fancifull Things. He hath publish'd a

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Oct. 9, 1722. J. Woodward to H. (Diaries, 95. 17a). Was at Bath when the Antiquities of Glastonbury was sent. Hopes H. has received payment before this. 'Near 30 Years ago, traveling about England, I visited Glastonbury, and the Clerk shew'd me in the Church a Small Fragment of K. Arthur's Cross, scarce a Foot long. He offer'd me a Piece of it, wch I refused, & blamed Him for haveing mutilated & given so much of it away. The Letters were the very same with those exhibited in Camden; but they were cut into ye Cross, wch was of Stone of a blueish Colour, very common in several Parts of England. Nor did I see any thing of ye Lead mention'd by Him, and by the Antiquary that you have publish'd. Indeed, I'm persuaded what they say of ye Lead is a Mistake. In the Same Travels, in Glocestershire, I think at Coln St. Allens, on Demolishing an old Chimney, was found amongst the Stones a printed Paper, of ye first Times of Printing here,

Draught of Waltham Cross, all fancy; yet the Cross is standing, & Mr. Bridges hath published a true Draught of it.

Oct. 10 (Wed.). There is newly published, The devout Soul: Or, An Entertainment for a Penitent; Consisting of Meditations, Poems, Hymns, and Prayers, upon Guilt and Repentance, the Follies and Vanities of this World, and the Sufferings and Afflictions of Human Life. To wch are prefix'd, Two Essays, One upon Devotional Books, and the other upon Divine Poetry. In ii Parts; Lond., 1722, 8o. The Author, Tho. Coney, D.D., Prebendary of Wells, and Rector of Chedzoy in Somersetshire.

This Dr. Coney hath also written & published (tho' his Name be not to it), A Companion for a Sick Bed: Or, A Preparation for Death; Consisting of Discourses, Hymns, and Prayers, upon the most important Subjects relating to Sickness. To which is added, A particular Form of Devotion for sick Persons. Lond., 1715, 8o.

This Dr. Coney was of University College, & is the same Person that some Years agoe preach'd the Act Sermon at St. Marie's, Oxon., & afterwards printed it, tho' much altered (as to the honest part) from wt he preach'd, thereby shewing himself timerous.

Oct. 11 (Th.). Being inform'd that a compleat Transcript of Domesday Book is in the Harleyan Library, I writ yesterday to Mr. William Thomas to know the truth thereof.

Oct. 12 (Fri.). On Sept. 24 last Month died Mr. Brooke, M.A. and Chaplain of All Souls Coll., a young Gent. of a good, sober, studious Life, but Son of a Quaker (at Leycester, as I take it), who disregarded & slighted this his Son, because he turn'd from Quakerism by the Care of Dr. Harwar, late President of Magd. Coll., who was so great a Friend to this Mr. Brooke that he in a good measure kept him, & Mr. Brooke was so concern'd at the President's Death that he soon pined away with Grief. He is succeeded in his Chaplainship by Mr. Bilson of Hart Hall.

Oct. 13 (Sat.). Yesterday Morning died Mrs. Dobson, Wife of Mr. Dobson, Warden of New-College. She miscarried not long since, but took so little care of her self that she receiv'd Visits next day, & went

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intitled, "The Pardon graunted to the Fraternyte of Seynt Cornelys at Westmynster that vicet, gyve, or send to it." If you please, I will send it you, & another written Paper found along with it.' [See Diary, Oct. 19.]

Oct. 13, 1722. G. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27b. 374). 'Most Kind and Loving son,—Our Loves and Thanks for all Kindnesses, and with Prayers, all we can at present doe, and that wee can do never enough.' [See account of part of this letter, Diary, Oct. 21.] 'I sent your Poor sister Anne the money you left for her; she thanks you heartilly. I told her you would come over againe at Xmas, and see us all in the land of the Living, if God will. Your uncle['s] loove and hearty thanks to you. I have a Chair, God Bless you, with Thanks to you. I have benn worse since you went away then ever I was before. Pray lend me out of hand som Diverting Booke by the Carrier; it shall be safely Return'd back againe wth thanks, and pray, good son, do not faile som . . . [?] as I . . . [?] upon you to this one time, for I am fain to hire for to doe my Clarkshipp to subsist. You may easily perceive I fail mightilly in my

abroad, wch occasion'd the Sickness that carried her off. She was one of the Daughters (for he hath one more, being his only Children) of Mr. Rawlins, a rich Maulster of Abbington, who is said to have paid fifteen hundred Pounds to Mr. Dobson at the time of her Marriage, & that he was to have paid fifteen hundred more upon the birth of the first Child.

Oct. 14 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Clarke, a noted Scrivener or Writing Master of Oxford (who hath done the University Writing many Years), told me that he was born in Oxford, in St. Peter's Parish in the East, in the Year 1645, in the Month of September, that his Father was a Furrier (Furriers being noted in Oxford then, tho' now there is not one there), that he (this Mr. Clarke, the Son) lived for some time at Early Court in the Parish of Sunning (near Reading), a Place (saith Mr. Clarke) as pleasant as any in England, that he afterwards lived in Reading, and at length came to Oxford, where he now lives, & tho' 77 Years of Age, yet doth not use Spectacles. He is an hearty, lusty Man (but afflicted sometimes with the Gout), & he told me (what I had several times heard before) that Reading, tho' less, yet is more populous than Oxford.

Oct. 15 (Mon.). Yesterday, at 11 Clock, Mrs. Dobson was carried to Abbington in a Herse, & buried in the Evening in St. Hellen's Church there.

On the 22d of last Month died, at my Ld Winchelsea's, Eastwell in Kent, the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hawes, a very good, honest Man, being a Non Juror. He left behind him a good Library of Books.

Oct. 16 (Tu.). On Sunday Morning last Mr. Thomas Foulkes's Wife (one of the Daughters of the late Captain Clarke) was brought to bed in Holywell of her first Child, being a Daughter[1]. And Yesterday Morning

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intellectualls, as well as in Body, and have much adoe to write, so pray consider my age and my infirmity, for they comes altogether. . . . My meaning is good and sound, thô the writing is Bad: I have som sence yet, I thank God. But I say again, grant me this last Request: let me Intreat you, my Poor Son,—you se I Begg heartilly, for I hope not to trouble you nor none of my good friends long now,—if you have any stockings or old hatts or cast things, you se to lie them in your Bagg, and send them by the Carrier at any time to Bray wik. I will pay for carridge with 1000 thanks. . . . I am mightilly ill. . . . I have Received the Chaire, with thanks for all Kindness. Send word how you got home, & when, and which way.' [PS.] 'You may Remember I spoke you in the Country to lend me som Diverting good Book a short time by the Carrer.'

Oct. 13, 1722. G. Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 140). Hears no tidings of Glastonbury: afraid it has miscarried. Please inquire at the Chequer Inn about it.

[*c.* **Oct. 13, 1722.**] **H. Bedford to H.** (Rawl. 14. 34). Thanks for obliging present. Account of payments for Glastonbury and Heming. 'Good Mr. [Samuel] Hawes died at my Lord Winchilsea's seat, Eastwell in Kent, on ye 22d past.'

Oct. 16, 1722. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 18. 39). If Mr. Leaves has not paid for Glastonbury and Heming, will send H. a bill. 'The two enclosed are very old & tender. I wish they may come safe to you, or that

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[1] See below, Dec. 6th.

Mr. Beaver Steward of Corpus Xti College's Wife (one of the Daughters of Mr. Anth. Peisley, the Bookseller) was brought to bed of her first Child, being a Boy.

Matt. Skinner, Esq., Recorder of Oxon., hath a MS., that was his Father's, in wch are a great many Things relating to the Suits & Privileges of the Univ. & City of Oxon.

The University formerly held Court Leets in the Town Hall.

Mr. Skinner is Grandson of Dr. Robt Skinner, Bp of Oxford, & afterwards Bp of Worcester.

Oct. 17 (Wed.). On Saturday last Mr. Charles Aldrich, Rector of Henly upon Thames, was presented to the Degree of Dr. of Divinity.

Oct. 18 (Th.). A worthy Clergyman of Herefordshire told me yesterday that a Yard Land abt them is generally three score Acres.

He also told me that Mr. Hill hath laid aside his Antiquities of Herefordshire, & that he hath little Skill in these Matters.

Oct. 19 (Fri.). Copy of an old printed Paper, lent me by Dr. Woodward of Gresham College. It is printed in the black Letter.

¶ The pardon grauntyd to the fraternyte of Seynt Cornelys at Westmynster that vicet, gyue, or sende to it.

[1] ¶ First, by the holy father in god, Thomas, of the title of seynt sesselly, cardynall, prest of Rome, & Legat, | Archebysshop of yorke, & chaunceller of Inglande, &c. ¶ Also Laurence, of the title of seynt Thomas iparione, preest, cardynall of Rome, & legat. ¶ Also Mathewe, of the title of seynt potencian, preest, cardynall of Rome, | hath grauntyd in the feest of seynt cornelys .cccc. dayes of pardon ; | on seynt Barbara's daye .c. dayes, | in the natyuyte of our lorde .c. dayes, | in the first sonday of aduent .c. dayes, on ashewednysday .cc. dayes. The first sonday in lent .c. dayes. The first frydaye in clene lent .c. dayes, on palme sonday .cc. dayes, on sherethursdaye .cc. dayes, | on good fryday .c. dayes, on Ester euyn .cc. dayes, on Ester day .cc. dayes, the firste sondaye after Ester .c. dayes, | the first sonday after pentecost .c. dayes, on seynt Margaretis daye .c. dayes of pardon. ¶ So the reuerent father in god, wyllyam, archebysshoppe of Caunterbury, hath graunted .xl. dayes of pardon. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of London .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of Rochester .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of Lyncolne .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of Ely .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of worseter .xl. dayes. Also my lorde the bysshop of Chester .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of seynt Dauys .xl. dayes. ¶ Also my lorde the bysshop of Landaff .xl. dayes. Also my lorde the bysshope of Salybury .xl. dayes. ¶ And also my lorde the bysshop of Chichester hath graunted .xl. dayes of pardon. ¶ Ther is also founded an hospytall for the relyef of them that haue the fallynge sykenes. And is a blessyd thynge for women traueylynge with childe, that gyueth or sendeth any thynge in the worshyp of God and seynt Cornelys.

¶ The summe of this indulgence cometh in the yere to .m. m. vii. c. & .xl. dayes for euer to endure.

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there may be any Thing else wherby I may serve your very commendable Designs.'

Oct. 18, 1722. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 30). [See Diary, Oct. 23.]

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[1] [*In the margin:*] The Figure of a Pope with a triple Crown, a Crozier in the right Hand & a Schedule in the left, done in wood.

Copy of another old Paper (but written) communicated at the same time by Dr. Woodward:—

Sacramenta nove legis sunt septem, scilicet, baptismus, confirmacio, eukaristia, pœnitencia, ordo, extrema unccio, matrimonium. Versus,

Absolvo, firmo, cibo, piget, ungit, & ornat uxore.

Nota quæ possunt iterari, & quæ non. Tria s. sacramenta, baptismus, confirmacio, & ordo, quia caracteres imprimunt, ideo omnino iterari non possunt, & quia caracter baptismalis est fundamentum aliorum caracterum; alia iiii^{or} sacramenta s. eukaristia, pœnitencia, extrema unccio, matrimonium, iterari possunt, qui[a] caracteres non imprimunt; non tamen iterari debent super eandem personam sive materiam, & ex eadem causa ut eadem hostia non debet bis consecrari, nec idem oleum sive idem crisma iterato benedici, nec idem infirmus nisi alia infirmitate adveniente iterato inungi.

[1] Oct. 19, 1722. I was told y^{t} Mary Rogers of Hedington died in the 111th Year of her Age. She was Mother to Mr. Wm Haynes of Stowe Wood, her Husband's Name being also Wm Haynes.

Oct. 20 (Sat.). This Morning early was brought to bed of her second Child[2] (a boy) Mrs. Mary Johnson, Wife of Mr. Richard Johnson, Mancipal of Edm. Hall.

Oct. 21 (Sun.). My Father, George Hearne, writes me word, in a Letter dated at White Waltham, Oct. 13, 1722, that his Father died in the Year 1670, in a melancholy condition, without Will, leaving his Mother a Widow; that he was above 40 Years of Age, & that his Mother was daughter to William Comming of White-Waltham, an ancient family, and of long standing in the Parish; that she died in the Year 1689, & that he hath been Parish Clerk of White Waltham ever since the Year 1670, when his father died. As for his Wife (he says), which was my Mother, she was daughter to Thomas Wise of Shottesbrooke and Edith, his Wife, of Pen in Com. Bucks., whose father was Isaac Hearn of Pen.

Oct. 22 (Mon.). Some Persons, lately digging at a Village called Coomb, near Croydon in Surry, found a great Number of Roman Urns and other antique Curiosities.

Oct. 23 (Tu.). Mr. William Thomas informs me, in a Letter of the 18th instant, that 'Mr. Wanley tells him there is no entire Transcript of Domesday Book in the Harleyan Library. There are some Extracts relating to particular Countys, & one Volume of Extracts out of the whole Book by Sr Symonds D'ewes, wch he supposeth might give occasion to

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Oct. 23, 1722. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 124). On the 20th instant received £4 3*s*., but having had no letter, wants to know what the money is for. [PS.] 'I was walking four days together lately. I was obliged to be at home two or three days sooner than ordinary, otherwise I might have just got a sight of London.'

Oct. 23, 1722. W. Lewis to H. (Rawl. 7. 169). 'My name Sake has Sent me a Note for Fordun, &c., So you may draw upon me when you will.' Wants two large and two small copies of Glastonbury.

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[1] [This entry is taken from a fly-leaf of Vol. 99 of the Diaries.]

[2] It died on Friday Morning early, Nov. 2^{d}, 1722.

the Information I receiv'd. But that is so imperfect, & such an arbitrary choice made, & so many Omissions, that it will give very little satisfaction to a curious Enquirer.'

Oct. 24 (Wed.). Richard Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.shire, Esq., is writing The History and Antiquities of Evesham Abbey, & of some Places adjacent.

Oct. 25 (Th.). Yesterday M^r^. Knowles, lately Gentleman Commoner of S^t^. John's Coll., Oxon., was unanimously elected Member of Parliam^t^ for the City of Oxford, in room of Sir John Walters, deceased.

Oct. 26 (Fri.). There is a most grievous Complaint made by Gentlemen about the Bodlejan Library's being shut up by that Coxcomble, Bowles, several days before the proper time, the first of November being the first day it ought to be shut for the Visitation. But then the Complaint is also upon another Account, w^ch^ is, the sad Confusion the Library is in, Bowles having put it all into disorder, whereas (before I was debarr'd) it was in the greatest Regularity, I having taken immense Pains to make it so.

Oct. 27 (Sat.). Thomas Jett, Esq., Fellow of the Royal Society, being in Oxford this Week, told me that he bought all M^r^. Stebbing's Collection of Books, one of w^ch^ is a MS. in four large Folio Volumes, partly in Vellum, but the greatest Part in Paper, containing an Historical and Genealogical Account of Affairs from Noah to the Emperour Ferdinand, but it treats chiefly of the Affairs of the Upper and Lower Empire. It is supposed to have been a Present that that Emperor made to our K. Hen. VIII. The Arms and Illuminations in it are surprisingly fine, and there are many hundreds of them in it. He hath been offered an hundred Pounds a Volume for this MS.

Oct. 28 (Sun.). M^r^. Jett told me also that he purchas'd the x^th^ Part of Basingstochius's History (with the other ix Parts) among some Books that he bought out of the Study of the late M^r^. Hawes (mentioned above, Oct. 15), w^ch^ M^r^. Hawes sold all his Books (excepting about an hundred Pounds' worth) in his Life time to M^r^. Fletcher Gyles for nine hundred Pounds.

Oct. 25, 1722. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 126). Thanks for particulars of money. Has sent separate receipts. 'M^r^. Jett and I walk'd a Mile out of Town, and you may be sure we remembered you.'

Oct. 25, 1722. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 27^b^. 157). Complains that H. sent the parcel of copies of Glastonbury without notice to London, while J. B. was at Barton, and it was with great difficulty they were found and lodged at Mr. Bateman's. 'I came up my self y^e^ last week in a very indiffer^t^ state of health, & am sorry to find y^r^ subscribers so dissatisfy'd at y^e^ performance of y^e^ Hist. of Glastenbury, w^ch^ seems to be wrot by some very superstitious R. C., y^t^ relyes much on Cressy & Broughton, & takes no Notice of w^t^ D^r^. Stillingfleet & A. B^p^ Usher have remarqued, w^th^ great judgem^t^, learning, & sagacity, on y^e^ story of Jos. of Arimathæa, &c.' As soon as health permits, will see what subscriptions he can get for Heming.

Oct. 27, 1722. Sir P. Sydenham to H. (Rawl. 9. 162). Will readily send the MSS., though not for H. himself. Has nothing about Worcester but what is in the Ashmolean Library concerning the Priors and Deans. Remarks on the churches of Glastonbury and Worcester.

He told me that Hollingshead's Chronicle was castrated, as well in the i^st^ as ii^d^ Vol., in that Part relating to Queen Elizabeth's Reign, and that he hath a Copy so castrated, being Father Parsons's own Book, and that 'tis conform [*sic*] to some *Index expurgatorius*.

He told me he bought Sir W^m^ Petty's Mapps of Ireland for seven Shillings, for w^ch^ he may have now twelve Guineas. They were sold at first for 2 libs. 10s. in Sheets. It seems, there were not much more than an hundred printed, and the Plates afterwards broke.

He said that Jordano Bruno's Book, translated into English, was done by Toland, that there were not above 40 Copies, or thereabouts, printed (at 2 Guineas a Copy), & that 'tis now worth five Pounds or five Guineas.

Oct. 29 (Mon.). On Tuesday last the Reverend M^r^. Leyborne, Fellow of Brazen-Nose College, Oxon., and Chaplain to the R^t^ Hon. the Earl of Arran, was chosen Lecturer of S^t^. Mary's, White-Chapel, in the Room of the Reverend M^r^. Shute, who hath resign'd. This Gent., M^r^. L., is Nephew to D^r^. Rob. Shippen, V. Chanc. of Oxon.

Oct. 30 (Tu.). Memorand. that in the Nuremberg Chronicle (w^ch^ beginns now to be much enquir'd after) is a Picture of Pope Joan, with her Infant in her Arms, together with the History of that Affair, w^ch^ so displeas'd the Roman Catholicks that they eras'd both, & 'tis difficult now to find a Copy fair in that place, tho' I have one not defaced there.

Oct. 31 (Wed.). D^r^. Rob^t^ Plot design'd a Book in general about the Natural History, with a touch of the Antiquities, both in England and Wales.

Abel Wantner, Citizen of Gloucester, and Inhabitant of Minchen-Hampton in the County of Glouc., published, An. 1683 & 1684, Proposals for printing a large Encomiastick History of the City and County of Gloucester, in Folio, but it never came out, nor can I tell w^t^ became of his Papers.

Nov. 1 (Th.). M^r^. Steph. Fletcher, of Oxford, Bookseller, having got Flamsteed's Astronomical Tables, asks 8 Guineas for it, pretending that D^r^. George Clarke told him there were not above an hundred Copies printed, whereas M^r^. Jett t'other day in Oxford assured me, and some others (and he told Fletcher the same), that there were seven hundred printed, and that he bought the Book for a Guinea.

Nov. 2 (Fri.). Last Night M^r^. Roger Bourchier, Fellow of Worcester-College, communicated to me the two following Inscriptions that he found upon Brass Plates in Dunstable Church in Bedfordshire:—

Hic, Wiliam Mulso sibi quam sociavit, I[acet] Alis,
Marmore sub duro conclusit sors . . . . . .[1]
Ter tres quinos hæc natos fertur habere
Per sponsos binos. Deus his clemens benedicat.

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[1] F. *cita. Partu Ter tres*, &c.

Fuller, in his Worthies, pag. 119, mentions this thing thus: *A Woman, whose Name I cannot recover, lived, died, and is buried at* Dunstable *in this County* (of Bedford). *It appeareth by her* Epitaph[1] *in the* Church *that she had* nineteen children *at* five births, *viz.* three *several times* three children *at a birth, and* five *at a birth two other times.* 'Tis mentioned also in Gibson's Camden, not from the Church it self, but from Fuller.

Hic jacent Laurentius Pigot, nuper de Dunstaple, Wolman, qui obijt v° die mens. Februarij, Anno Domini M° CCCC° L°, et Anno regni Regis Henrici Sexti xxix°, Et Alicia, uxor ejus, quorum animabus propicietur Deus.

Nov. 3 (Sat.). Mr. Francis Heywood, an Atturney of Oxford, told me on Thursday Night last that *Aldike Hills* by Dorchester are written in some Evidences *Ardike Hills*, & he wanted to know the signification. I told him *Aldike Hills* is *old Ditch Hills*, & *Ardike Hills* the same as *Land* or *Field Ditch Hills*, wch mightily satisfy'd him.

Nov. 4 (Sun.). The Roman Urns, mentioned above (under Oct. 22) to have been lately found near Coomb in Surry, were dug up within three miles of the Place where some of the Roman Forces encamped. They have discovered a great many more since, under little Hills like Mole-Hills. Several Gentlemen have been to see them, and there is in every one of them a human Skull and Bones. They have begun some Days since to dig in three large Hills, but we don't yet hear that they have found any Medals.

Nov. 5 (Mon.). Mr. Henry Stephens, of Catstreet, Oxford, Victualler, having died without Will, & his Widow & Mother being living, last Week the Widow (who is Administratrix) paid 205 libs. 5s. to the said Mother, the Goods & Chatells in this Case coming between them both, tho' Mr. Stephens's other Brothers put in for their Share, wch, however, the Law does not give them.

Nov. 6 (Tu.). There being two vacant Fellowships this Year in All Souls Coll., there was a great Struggle for them, & much Heat (as usual)

Nov. 3, [1722]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 97). Was glad to hear of H.'s health, after so long a silence. Thanks for last book, which pleases him very well. Since H. has no copies left, Dr. Middleton must be content to want his book: he wishes to subscribe for all future works. Glad Heming goes on so successfully. Wishes he knew the particular place in which Holinshed is castrated: could compare it with the Cambridge copies. 'The Basingstoch you mention must be a great Rarity. I wish you your health under your too great & constant fatigues.'

Nov. 3, 1722. **R. Graves to H.** (Rawl. 6. 134). Thanks for two letters. As to Domesday Book, there is nothing in Oxfordshire relating to the Church of Worcester. Will gladly be at the expense of a cut for the frontispiece, but would have a handsome one or none. If H. can get it designed and engraved at Oxford, will send the money for it. Account of subscriptions received. 'But as yet [I] have not met with one for the large [paper], for our neighbouring Gentry have little or no taste for Books, being altogether taken up in the Diversions of the Field and Good Fellowship; so that those I have gott are onely among the Clergy, who can't goe to the Expence of the large.'

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[1] *Hackwil's Apology*, pag. 253.

between the Warden and a great Part of the Fellows. One Mr. Acton, M.A. of Balliol Coll., hath stood many times, but was still put by, & so he was this Year, tho' a good Number of the Fellows were earnest for him. But the proud Warden does wt he pleaseth by his Negative. So the two elected are Mr. Tho. Wilbraham (a modest Batchelour of Arts of Brazen-nose Coll.) & one Mr. Wynn of Jesus Coll. Mr. Wood, a Gentleman Commoner of Xt Ch., was one that stood, but being put by, he appeals to the Archbp of Canterbury (who is Visitor), & asserts his right as he is a Founder's Kinsman, by virtue of wch Dr. Wood (who is his Uncle) was put in Fellow of this College some years agoe, tho' he hath since left it.

Nov. 7 (Wed.). Yesterday I bought the Decem Scriptores, but gave four Pounds ten Shillings for it.

At Tadmerton, near Swallcliff in Oxfordshire, is a vast high Hill (where a fight is reported to have been) in a round form, wch was certainly a Danish Camp.

Nov. 9 (Fri.). Yesterday was the Visitation of the Bodl. Library, when the Speech on that occasion was spoke by Mr. Henry Shirman, M.A. and Studt of Xt Ch.

Nov. 11 (Sun.). We hear that the Royal Society hath receiv'd a Present, from the King of Denmark's Library, of several curious Manuscripts of that renowned Astronomer, Tycho Brahe.

Nov. 12 (Mon.). On Wednesday last one Mr. Meades, a very honest, industrious Brewer in St. Ebb's Parish in Oxford, being hard at his Work, & very well & brisk, his Dinner was sent him by his Wife. It was an Apple Dumpling, but as soon as he had eat it, he grew very thirsty & much disordered, & so continued. But the next day he got up and went to his work, but not being able to stay, return'd home, took his Bed, & dyed immediately, being without doubt poysoned, tho' his wife is not taken up about it[1]. Great Clamours are made, & the thing is well

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Nov. 8, 1722. H. to George Booth (Diaries, 95. 28). Thanks for inscription, though already printed. Many other Roman antiquities have been found at Chester, some of which are still unpublished. Wishes an account of these were printed. 'The late Mr. Prescot had a good Collection of them, and he was very well qualify'd to write about them. . . . I did what I could to engage him to write about the Antiquities of Chester. But I am afraid he did very little on that Subject. Dr. Bound is not yet return'd. News is not my Province. Therefore you will excuse me from sending any.'

Nov. 10, 1722. H. to Sir P. Sydenham (Diaries, 95. 29). Received first payment for Heming. Thanks for Hatcher's Catalogue. 'But I assure you I have borrow'd it for nobody else but myself. I formerly left all to some Cambridge man, but now I am of another opinion. Yet I will print nothing from it without your leave, wch I suppose you will readily grant.'

Nov. 11, 1722. William Holwell to H. (Rawl. 7. 62). Subscribes for large copy of Heming, and would be glad of a copy of Glastonbury.

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[1] See below, Nov. 13.

grounded, from his body turning very black, & from an Accident wch happened to the Girl that carried the Dumpling. For she being ask'd by him to tast it, she eat a little bit, grew sick, & was recovered with Difficulty. This Meades's Wife is a young [1], brisk, tight Woman (much younger than he), a great Company Keeper, & notorious for her lascivious, loose Life [. . . . . .].

Mr. Dodwell us'd often to walk to Henly from Shottesbrook, to converse with a Gentleman there. They us'd to be at an Inn. The first time he was there, being beforehand with his Friend, he ask'd if they had got a Bible. They brought him a great Bible, & he read 'till his Friend came. Ever after this, as soon as they saw Mr. Dodwell at any time coming, they carried in a great Bible.

There is just come out a vith Vol. in 8vo of Dr. Conant's Sermons, published by Mr. Digby Cotes, Principal of Magd. Hall, at the request of John Conant (LL.D.), the Dr.'s Son, by wch Cotes shews himself a very weak Man. 'Tis printed at Lichfeild's Press.

The Bp of Bangor (Reynolds) hath just published his Charge to his Clergy, delivered the 30th of May last (being his primary Visitation) in the Cathedral Church of Bangor. 'Tis most vile, wretched Stuff, voyd of good Language & Learning.

Mr. Jett (as he told me, when he was last in Oxford) is making a Collection of All Sorts of Dictionaries.

Nov. 13 (Tu.). Mr. Murray's Collection of Books, MSS. & printed, is curious, & they are well bound.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, Mr. Meades' Widow was examin'd before Sir Daniel Webb abt the Death of her Husband, & it appearing from many Circumstances that she poyson'd him, she was committed to Bocardo about ten of the Clock in the Evening.

Nov. 14 (Wed.). Last Week died one old Twycross, Head Cook of Jesus Coll., Oxon., a single Man, who left by his Will twelve Pounds per an. to that Coll., & was buried splendidly last Monday Night. But whereas he was in debt himself (for he had borrowed Money of several Persons), & whereas the said twelve Pounds per an., wch is not to come to the Coll.

Nov. 13, 1722. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 128). Will have an opportunity of printing J. M.'s Fragments at the end of Heming: if he has discovered to what book they belonged, begs to be informed. Thinks it was some short Chronicle.

Nov. 13, 1722. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 80). Has not yet tried to get subscriptions. Mr. Thomas Palmer is too ill to be visited. H. may put down all the names mentioned in his letter. The letter of advice and copies of Glastonbury came together. 'You'd do well to give earlier Notice, & I think you shd give me as little trouble as you can. I hope you intend to make yr subscribers amends in this next book, tho' you're pleas'd to take no Notice of wt I wrot wth respect to ye last.'

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[1] She is not 25 Years of Age 'till next April. Her Father's name is Scarsebrooke. He is a CollarMaker at Coomb, by Woodstock. He is a great Rogue. Her Husband was fourty Years old.—She was burnt to ashes on Friday, May 17, 1723.

'till seven Years hence, is to be paid out of old Houses in Oxon., 'tis thought that the Executor will be rather a looser than a Gainer, notwithstanding Twycross, when alive, was suppos'd to be very rich.

This Morning died of the Gout Mr. Scandaret, one of the Mayor of Oxford's Serjeants, Father to the late Mr. Scandaret, Schoolmaster of Christ-Church.

Nov. 15 (Th.). Dr. Anth. Hall hath lately publish'd, The Continuation of Trivet & Adam de Murimuth, &c., in 8vo, printed at the Theatre, a very poor Performance, & what is much laugh'd at, especially upon account of having his Picture put before some Copies. In this Book is also Bolton's Hypercritica, wch Hall discovered to be writ by Bolton, from what I have said in my Preface to Camden's Eliz. Tho' this Book be only a sort of Pamphlet, yet he hath dedicated it to four Persons, all in separate Inscriptions, viz. to John Bridges, Esq., Dr. Richd Mead, Browne Willis, Esq., & Saml Mead, Esq. Hall's Picture is nothing like him.

Nov. 16 (Fri.). One Roger Holman, an honest Man, who lives by East Gate (where White Hall was) in Oxford, tells me that his Great Grandfather by the Mother's side lyes buried in St. Bartholomew's Chapell, near Oxford.

Nov. 17 (Sat.). The Inscription here inserted is already printed both in Gibson's Camden and in Dr. Leigh's Natural History of Lancashire, &c., in wch latter are also Mr. Prescot (late Register of Chester) his Notes

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Nov. 15, 1722. H. to J. Bridges (Rough drafts, Rawl. 3. 81, Rawl. 110. 27). Has entered subscribers for Heming. 'I am sorry you should think I endeavour to create you trouble. I am not fond of Praise, and therefore 'tis with unwillingness that I tell you that I have been thank'd for Glastonbury by very great Men (by no means Papists), who at the same time tell me, *it pleaseth them very well, &c.* But perhaps Persons already dissatisfy'd (you know who those are better than I do) may be the more displeas'd when they hear any thing of this kind. I therefore forbear saying more. Nor had I said so much, had it not been to gratify your Curiosity.' [PS.] 'Some (it may be) would be nettled, if they should be told that Dr. Stillingfleet was a Man of more Reading than Judgment.' [Note in Rawl. 110. 27:—'I did not send wt is writ above but only wt follows: "I have entered the Names you say *I may put down for Heming's Cartulary.* You are not so kind as to tell me wt Losses you have suffer'd by *The Antiquities of Glastonbury, &c.*, that amends may be made you."']

Nov. 17, 1722. G. Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 142). Encloses bill drawn on Mr. Berry for amount owing. Would have sent H.'s Polychronicon by the same person, but wishes to compare it with one he has bid for at an auction. [See extract from this letter, Diary, Nov. 30.] [PS.] 'Don't forget Mr. Talbot of Lacock among yr constant Subscribers; he is Sr Tho. Sebright's particular acquaintance, and a great lover of Antiquity.'

Nov. 17, 1722. B. Willis to H. (Rawl. 27c. 376). Has been laid up three weeks with whooping cough, or would have waited on H. at Oxford to receive Glastonbury, which has just come to hand. 'I am now looking it over, & am sorry to find you wd not have reference to the 2 vol. of Abbies I gave you. . . . There you would have found several things to yr purpose, particularly abt Abbot Whiteing. That wd have also set you right as to the elections & decease of several Abbats. . . . I have not time to look over yr

upon it, he being the Gentleman who first communicated it for the Ed. of Camden, & to whom also Dr. Leigh ow'd much in the Antiquity Part of his Natural History.

Bristoll,
9ber 2d, 1722.

Mr. Hearne,

I have gott a piece of Antiquity for you, wch, as far as I can understand, is very valuable; in ye year 1693 was dugg up a stone, by sinking of a cellar in Chester, upon wch were ancient Roman letters, ye shape of wch stone & inscription are as follow. [Inscription omitted.] I should be glad to hear from you whether it is good for any thing or not. Pray my service to all friends, when you meet together at Mother Stephens's. I suppose yt Dr. Bound has brought something curious out of ye country with him, & Mr. Marriotte has given a true description of the ancient plough. A little Oxford news (if you favour me wth a letter) will be very acceptable to,

Dear Sr,
Yr friend & humble Servant,
Geo. Booth.

Coming along High Street in Oxford this Afternoon, Alderman White, who loves to talk of Antiquities, told me that he hath heard that there were fifty two Fish Ponds at Osney Abbey.

Nov. 18 (Sun.). The Reverend Dr. Andrew Snape, Provost of King's College in Cambridge, is chosen Vice-Chancellor of that University for the year ensuing.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. George Hooper) hath conferred the *Sine Cure* of Ashbury in Berkshire, worth 300 l. per Annum, vacant by the Death of the Revd Mr. John Robinson, on the Reverend Mr. George Wigan, Student of Xt Ch., & Rector of Old Swinford in Worcestershire. The said Mr. Wigan is the Person that took care of one Part of Dr. Grabe's Septuagint, & managed the Prolegomena to that Part. He is a great Tutor in Xt Ch. Mr. Robinson was also Minister of Chalgrave in Oxfordshire. He died of the small Pox at Bath. His Wife died some years agoe, being a Daughter of Sir Sebastian Smith, who is still living in Oxford.

Nov. 19 (Mon.). Sanderus de Schismate, p. 44: Hieronymus ait[1], Salomonem & Achaz, ætatis undecimo ac duodecimo anno, filios genuisse.

Book, & you will not, I fear, pardon my saying that the Statutes of Sherington's chantry might be omitted. Concerning yr Heming's Chartulary, was it in my power to help you, you might command mee, but I must needs say I don't like yr choice. You well know all those old Charters are in the Monasticon, & I wish you had taken somewhat entirely new to the world. Pray excuse my not subscribing to it, which I should gladly, had I any opinion of it. I cd have helpt you abt Glastonbury Town, where I lay 2 or 3 nights, had you shewed mee what you had in hand.' [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Nov. 21, 1722. The two Vols. Mr. Willis refers to in this Letter are such faulty Books that there is no relying upon them, & wt he observes in this Letter is poor and jejune.']

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[1] Ad Vitalem, ep. 132.

This Morning, at 9 Clock, the Bells in Oxford rang for Dr. Arthur Charlett, who died last Night, about seven Clock, of a long, lethargick Distemper. He was formerly Fellow of Trinity Coll. & Head Proctor of the University. From Trinity College he was elected Master of University College, upon the Death of Mr. Thomas Bennet, S.T.B., in 1692. Afterwards he became Rector of the rich Living of Hambledon in Bucks., wch, with his Mastership, he kept to his dying day, having been also Provice-Chancellour of the Univ. to his Death for many Years. He was a very busy Man, very illiterate, & did a vast deal of Mischief to the University [1].

Nov. 21 (Wed.). I have heard some Booksellers and others say that my Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., ought to have a Statue, the Prices of Books at Auctions and elsewhere having been mightily enhanced by his generous way of Bidding, to the Profit of many Booksellers.

On Monday last was elected one of the Mayor of Oxford's Serjeants, one Mr. Kirby, a Chandler near Cairfax, a young Man, who married the Daughter of Mr. Pain the Brazier, who hath been mayor of Oxford, wch Daughter of his, being married very young, as she is still also very young, hath been very extravagant.

Nov. 22 (Th.). Dr. Mead's Book about the Pestilence is translated into and printed in Latin. I am told the Translater was one Mr. Ward, but not without the help of a version that had been made before by Mr. Mattaire, who put it into the Dr.'s Hands, & 'twas communicated, without Mr. Mattaire's Privity, to Ward.

Nov. 23 (Fri.). At Woodstock, near the Park, is an old House call'd Chaucer's House, in wch House they keep Geffery Chaucer's Works, printed in the old black Letter.

Nov. 22, 1722. H. to B. Willis (Draft, Rawl. 27c. 374). 'I thank you for letting me know so speedily your Resolution of not subscribing to Heming. 'Twas my Business to print the excellt anonymous Author's Discourse abt the Antiquities of Glastonbury faithfully, & not either to alter any thing in it, or to correct any faults of yours. Nor had I, therefore, any Inclination to amend any thing in the two erroneous Vols. you referr to. You will be so just, perhaps, to your self at one time or other as to do that in a distinct Book. You will pardon the freedom of a true Friend, and at the same time forgive me, if I tell you that 'tis not one of the least of your Mistakes to say (as you do in your Letter) that all the old Charters in Heming are published in the Monasticon.' More on same subject. [PS.] 'Wt you say abt Glastonbury in your Letter is very poor and jejune. I speak as a Friend, tho' I fear you will hardly pardon me there. If you have any thing material abt Glastonbury, you will do well to give *a handsome* Account of it.'

[*c.* **Nov. 22, 1722.**] **J. Bridges to H.** (Rawl. 3. 87). 'I shall explain myself upon ye word *Amends*, as soon as yr next book of Heming's Cartulary comes out, if you give me Occasion, as I hope you will not. In Confidence whereof, I send you a bill underneath on Mr. Wilmot for ye subscription Money.' [Note by Hearne:—'Nov. 24, 1722. Recd the Money of Mr. Wilmot, viz. 10l. 10s.']

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[1] He was buried privately in University Coll. Chapell, on Wedn. Night, Nov. 21.

Nov. 24 (Sat.). Mr. Selden, in his *Prolegomena* to the *Decem Scriptores*, hath taken notice of a great Mistake in the Editions of Bede before Whelock's, in wch we have (lib. 3, cap. 3): *Monachus ipse Episcopus Aidanus, utpote de insula, quæ vocatur Hydestinatus* (*Hydestinatus* being made an Isle), whereas it should be *Hii, destinatus*, with a comma after *Hij*.

Nov. 25 (Sun.). The Duke of Queensbury's Lady being brought to Bed of a Son (to the great Joy of that noble Family), it was baptiz'd this day Sennight at Night by the Archbp of York, the Earl of Rochester (Father to the Dutchess) and the Ld Carleton being Godfathers.

Nov. 26 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal of Saturd. (Nov. 24) last:—

On Friday, the 16th of this Instant (Nov.), his Majesty (K. George) sent a Message, under his Royal Sign Manual, to both Houses of Parliament, to the following Effect, viz. That many scandalous Declarations had been by several Foreign Posts transmitted into this Kingdom, several whereof had been by his Majesty's Order lately intercepted, and amongst them an Original in Writing, signed, as his Majesty had good Reason to believe, by the Pretender himself. His Majesty having ordered the said Original, together with one of the printed Copies, to be laid before the Two Houses, they came to the following Resolutions upon the same: That the Paper that Day communicated by his Majesty, intituled, Declaration of James the Third, King of England, Scotland, and Ireland, To all his Loving Subjects of the Three Nations, and to all Foreign Princes and States, to serve as a Foundation for a lasting Peace in Europe, and signed James Rex, is a false, Insolent, and Traiterous Libel; the highest Indignity to his most sacred Majesty King George, our Lawful and undoubted Sovereign; full of Arrogance and Presumption in supposing the Pretender in a condition to offer Terms to his Majesty; and Injurious to the Honour of the British Nation in imagining that a Free Protestant People, happy under the Government of the best of Princes, can be so infatuated as, without the utmost Contempt and Indignation, to hear of any Terms from a Popish Pretender: That the printed Copy of the Pretender's Declaration, mentioned in his Majesty's Message, be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, at the Royal Exchange in London, upon Tuesday next, at One of the Clock; and that the Sheriffs of London do then attend in their own proper Persons, and cause the same to be burnt there accordingly.

After these Resolutions taken, both Houses presented a very loyal and vigorous Address to his Majesty, to which he gave a most gracious Answer. And accordingly, on Tuesday last, a printed Copy of the said Declaration was burnt at the Royal-Exchange, the Sheriffs attending in Person.

So in Mist.

Nov. 27 (Tu.). This Morning I saw Mr. Denison, Fellow of Univ. Coll., talking very earnestly (just before eleven Clock) with Dr. Felton,

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Nov. 24, 1722. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 65). Sends copies of his Proposals for the Translation of Barwick's Life. Hopes H. and his friends will communicate anything proper to illustrate the history of that time. Asks his help about a difficult passage. [PS.] Forgot to acknowledge letter of the 20th. 'Mr. Cotton's son, who was yr subscriber, is gone to Bulloign. . . . His father is to pay yr Legacy, who is to be in town from his Seat in Huntingtonshire this week. I'll endeavr to see him abt yt affair.'

Nov. 27, 1722. H. to [W. Holwell] (Rawl. 110. 125). Mr. Fletcher paid a guinea for Heming. 'There hath been so quick a vend for The Antiquities of Glastonbury that I cannot help you to so much as one Copy.'

Principal of Edm. Hall. It was at the Bottom of the Principal's Stairs. Denison told him that he had been all along resident at University Coll., & had not been concern'd in creating any Dissensions in the College. This I heard accidentally.

Nov. 28 (Wed.). Yesterday was an Eclipse of the Sun. The Weather being frosty, the Air was clear, and therefore 'twas visible. It began a little before two in the Afternoon, and ended at 4, at which time almost half the Sun's Body was darkned.

Some time last Night died M^r^. Bart. Richards, M.A., late Fellow of Balliol-Coll., having a Tiverton Fellowship, but the time for holding it longer being exspired, he went to S^t^. Mary Hall, where he lay in the Principal's Lodgings, but died at the three Goats, by North Gate in Oxford, having been taken ill there about a Month before. He was a very ingenious Man, but lame, and went with Crutches, & was terribly afflicted with the Stone & Gravel. He took his Master's Degree, Dec. 17, 1712.

Nov. 29 (Th.). M^r^. Taylor of University College tells me that Dr. Charlett was not quite sixty eight Years old, that he was of an ancient

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Nov. 28, 1722. G. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 103). 'My most dear Son, —My deare love, with my wive's and all your Brothers' and your Sister['s], unto you.' Is sorry that Richard Hatch made a mistake in the reckoning: will take care that he sends the 18*d.* by the Oxford carrier. ''Twas in the yeare 1670 that my father dyed, and I have been P[ar]ish Clerke ever since, till now. He dyed of a deep me[l]ancholy, occasion'd, as we suppose, by taking thought of some mi[s]carriages in some part of his life, but was gener[al]ly Reputed an honest Man and a good Neighbor.' Knows of no such place as H. mentions, but will inquire further. 'I am mighty sory that you did not send me the Book of Antiqu[i]ties of Glastonbury, or some other . . . [?] or Histori; it should certainly be Returned safe againe in a little time by the Carrier; . . . for, in good earnest, I am might[y] ill indeed, and am not like to continue long, and cannot go to Church, nor poor M^r^. Griffyth. He gives his service to you & M^r^. Gunnis, and is mighty sorry you could not stay one day to come and see him. Here came to give him a sermon a Sunday was night [*sic*] his old and my good freend, M^r^. Derham, formerly Minister of Wargrave, who is now one of the Pr[e]bendaries of Windsor Castle, and has another place some where. . . . God grant I may write to you as long as we live, and I am aff[r]ayd you will be wery [?] w^th^ me for being s[o] trou[b]l[e]some to you, but I cannot for my life help it; pray pardon mee, deare son. I have gott a Rodden [?] Chare now, w^ch^ doth mee a great Kindness, and I hope your good Prayers will more, which I doubt not off. Pray faile not to send some Book or Books, . . . & any cast by things as you can pick up: they will be mighty [gladly] Received and highly accepted off, but Especially at this time more then ever before.'

Nov. 29, 1722. B. Willis to H. (Rawl. 27^c^. 377). 'I cannot say but I was somew^t^ surpriz'd to see the construction you put on what I wrote you; however, I am glad I obliged you in declaring my mind ab^t^ Hemming; perhaps, if other gentl. w^d^ be as free, more are of my opinion. What I have published I was ever glad & thankfull to any one to animadvert upon, & so I humbly entreat it of you that you will be pleased to run over the two erroneous volumes, as you are pleased to style them, & give me what additions & corrections you can. I shall esteem it as a great favour, & be truly thankfull. All I will say to you in their defence is that the Typographer has pronounced it an usefull work & a great Improvem^t^ of what is in Leland, & I dare say that the Anonymous Author of Glastonbury w^d^ not have esteemed

Family in the Parish of Fladbury in Worcestershire. Mr. Collins of Magd. Coll. tells me that Dr. Charlett was entered in the Year 1669.

Nov. 30 (Fri.). From a Letter dated Nov. 17, 1722, written to me by the Reverend Mr. Gilbert Lake, B.D., Vicar of Chippenham in Wilts.:—

I cannot but let you know yt a day-labourer hereabouts, as he was cleaning a ditch the 6th of this Month, lighted upon a Stone-Coffin. All the bones of a humane body were in it, and, as I am inform'd, they were large ones: but what they were I cannot say, for when I went on Tuesday last to see it, I found few, and those the lest bones belonging to a body, remaining. The country folk had, I conceive out of Covetousness & ignorance, carried off the Skull, with a compleat set of fine teeth in it, & the largest bones belonging to it. The place where this Coffin is now to be seen is 3 Miles from hence (Chippenham) in the Parish of Cosham (a place I find twice taken notice of by Leland in his Collect.). 'Tis but one ground distant from the great London Road to Bath. It lies East & West, as the bodies of Christians do nowadays. Is not this an argument that 'tis not of great Antiquity? I find in Leland's Col. (A. 1. 44) yt publick Burying places were not very frequent among the Saxons, & that Persons of distinction in that age, if they died at home, were often buried in their Gardens.

[Notes from Gibson's edition of Camden's *Britannia*, &c., omitted.]

Dec. 3 (Mon.). The Reverend Mr. Joseph Bingham hath just published the tenth Volume of *The Antiquities of the Christian Church*. All the ten Volumes are in 8vo, and the Work is now quite finished. He tells us he hath been twenty Years about it.

Dec. 4 (Tu.). I was told last Night that Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls Coll. Parsonage, is worth about seven hundred Pounds per an., tho' he never goes near it, and that 'tis a most pleasant Place.

Dec. 5 (Wed.). Yesterday came on the Election for Master of University College. Candidates were Mr. Thomas Cockman and Mr.

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dates of deaths & Elections of successors in Abbeys so very poor & jejune as you judge the Hint I gave you on that subject, but been glad you had amended his work in that particular from the aforesaid erroneous volumes.' Much more on same subject. 'Dr sir, you will hardly pardon mee for repeating my former Freedom, & answering yr letter in the obliging manner you have done mine.'

Dec. 2, 1722. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 19). [Printed in the Preface to Hearne's ed. of Robert of Gloucester's *Chronicle*, p. xxvii.]

Dec. 3, 1722. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 15. 48). Received H.'s of the 23rd ult. On his way to Worcester, took an account of the inscription at Pershore which H. desired. [Printed in Hearne's ed. of Heming's *Chartularium Ecclesiæ Wigorniensis*, p. 676.] Account of a statue of King Edgar at Worcester. Thinks it would do for a frontispiece to Heming, and has ordered a draft of it. Will send it to be engraved at Oxford. [PS.] The charge of engraving the shield with the rebus would not be much. If H. thinks fit to insert it in the preface, will gladly be at the charge of it.

Dec. 4, 1722. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 15). Has been detained in the country by his usual indisposition. Thinks the charter will not be useful to H. Sends a specimen of it.

Wm Denison. Mr. Cockman is a married Clergyman in the Country. Mr. Denison is now of the College. There are twelve Fellows, but then there were only ten Actual. Mr. Cockman had five that voted for him (he having no vote of his own), viz. Mr. Boraston (the Senior Fellow), Mr. Cavendish Nevile, Mr. Browne, Mr. Cockeril, & Mr. Taylour. Mr. Denison had four, viz. Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Ward (a most scandalous Wretch), Mr. Eden, & Mr. Rogers. The Matter being so, Mr. Boraston (as Senior Fellow) very justly declared Mr. Cockman Master elect. But Denison (who voted for Ward, he being, 'tis said, not allow'd to vote for himself) does not acquiesce, but appeals to what they call the Visitors, as the proper Persons for pronouncing the Election. The said pretended Visitors are the Drs. of Divinity of each Coll. & Hall, & the Vice-Chanc. & two Proctors.

[Extracts from the above book omitted.]

Dec. 6 (Th.). Yesterday died of the small Pox, in Holywell, Mrs. Foulkes, Wife of Mr. Thomas Foulkes, late of Xt Church, and she is carried to Weston, by Thame, to be buried[1].

Dec. 8 (Sat.). On this day Sennight a young Male Child, about a Year and an half old, fell into a Tub of Water in an Entry in Jesus College Lane, his Face downwards, and was drown'd, before his Mother (who was about Business in the House) had notice of it to assist him, there being only another Child by (a Girl) when this sad Accident

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Dec. 6, 1722. H. to [B. Willis] (Rough draft, Rawl. 39. 111). Finds by B. W.'s letter that he goes on multiplying mistakes. 'First, you insinuate as if wt you said abt Heming is true, whereas I know it to be otherwise. Then you say perhaps if other Gentl. wld be as free, more are of your opinion. I am sure they cannot be so, if they consider. Then you suggest that I am the only person that calls the Vols. we were speaking of the two Erroneous Volumes. Dr. Smalridge, reading a Passage in one, found every line wrong, & thereupon wish'd that some Friend could prevail with the Author to write no more. Then you think I will be displeas'd with your adding *co* to the word you mention. The contrary is true. . . . I say no more, but that I have neither time nor Inclination to write a Book for you upon the two *Erroneous Volumes*.' [Perhaps Hearne sent the letter dated Dec. 13 instead of this.]

Dec. 7, 1722. H. to P. Dod (Diaries, 95. 47). Heard last night that P. D. wished to subscribe for his books no longer. Is not willing to believe this, but wishes to know the truth.

Dec. 7, 1722. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 95. 48). Is expecting the MS. R. M. formerly hinted at: hopes it may be sent in due time. 'I write to you only on this subject, Mr. Bridges nowadays writing nothing to me about it.'

Dec. 8, 1722. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 71). 'I Received the favour of Yors this day. Last Week Mr. Bridges, Mr. Roger Gale, and I met, and agreed that You could not go upon a better Work than Robert of Glocester, to which it will be necessary that You make a Glossary. I promised to communicate this to You. I have bin told that You have a Transcript of this

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[1] See above, Oct. 16.

happened, who could not declare it to her Mother intelligibly. The Mother was almost distracted at it.

An Uncle of Mrs. Elliot's Child (by her late Husband, Mr. Elliot of University Coll.), being dead, hath left the Child a thousand Pounds in Money, and thirty Pound a year Estate. I have mentioned this Mrs. Elliot formerly. Her Child is a pretty boy. Her Mother is one Mrs. Barnes, Widow of Mr. Barnes, a Tallow Chandler in St. Peter's Parish in the East, and she now lives with her Mother.

Dec. 9 (Sun.). Ethelred, Alderman of Mercia, and Ethelfleda, his Lady, finished the City of Worcester, & were great Benefactors to that Place and the Priory there. They also took care of the Chirchshot [*sic*] throughout their whole Province, and I do not doubt but notice was taken of it in K. Alfred's Domesday Book, where, without all dispute, as I take it, there was also mention of the Churchscot of Pershore, such Churchscot belonging to Pershore being mentioned in Wm the Conqueror's Domesday Book. I also believe that Ethelred and Ethelflede were Benefactors to Pershore.

Dec. 11 (Tu.). Dr. King, Principal of St. Mary Hall, having been most maliciously aspersed upon account of his petitioning the House of Commons with relation to the scandalous Proceedings in the late University of Oxford's Election of Members of Parl., as if he design'd to impeach several Persons, hath thereupon published the following Advertisement in the Evening Post (Numb. 2080) of Nov. 27 last:—

Whereas it hath been Reported that in order to obtain a favourable hearing of the Petition which I presented to the House of Commons, complaining of an undue Election for the University of Oxford, I waited on the Right Honourable Robert Walpole, Esq., and afterwards wrote a Letter or Letters to him, in which I offer'd my self to become an Informer against several Gentlemen here, who, as I pretended to know, are disaffected to the present Government, and made other very Dishonourable Overtures of the same kind: I do hereby affirm and declare that the said Report is entirely false and groundless, that I never had the Honour to wait on Mr. Walpole, or to write to him upon an[y] occasion whatever. And as to the Offers or Overtures which

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Author by You; if You have not, there is not only one in the Bodleian Library, but here in the Cotton Library, in that of the Heralds' Office, and the Harleyan, and I should not doubt but one or more of these might be borrowed for Your Use. You will be pleased to let Me know your opinion.'

Dec. 10, 1722. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 95. 50). Thought of publishing Robert of Gloucester many years ago. 'But then I took no Transcript of him, not dreaming that I should be ever debarr'd the Bodlejan Library, where there is an old MS. of him, tho' not so perfect, perhaps, as there is some where else.' Sir Roger Mostyn has a MS. Sees no necessity for adding a glossary; first, because these old words are already explained by other glossographers, secondly, 'because my late Friend, Dr. Hickes, . . . was for having me print wt MSS. I could in my Life time, & to leave Improvemts to others.' [PS.] Robert Keck, of the Inner Temple, had a transcript of the Bodleian MS. of Robert of Gloucester: knows not what is become of it since his death.

Dec. 11, 1722. P. Dod to H. (Rawl. 4. 121). There is a great deal of truth in what H. has heard. Finding it impracticable to obtain a complete set of his works, gives up all thoughts of making a collection. Doubts not H. will readily excuse him.

it has been said I have made him, and which part of the Report has been propagated by my Enemies with uncommon Industry and Malice, I do declare that the same is a base and villainous Calumny, that I never made any such Offers or Overtures; and farther, that I never gave a Commission to any Person to make 'em in my Name; and that I have as great an Abhorrence of such an Infamous way of Application as any Man alive.

W. KING.

S. Mary's Hall, Oxon.
Nov. 19th, 1722.

Dec. 12 (Wed.). On Thursday last was a Meeting at the Delegates' Room at the New Printing House, at three Clock in the Afternoon, of the V. Chanc., two Proctors, and the Drs. of Divinity, about Mr. Denison of University College's Appeal against Mr. Cockman's Election. Mr. Cockman having five Votes, & Mr. Denison only four, and Mr. Ward but one, no one impartial, honest Man doubts of Mr. Cockman's being legally and statutably chosen. But Denison, having had old Bouchier's Advice, pretends that Election is not canonical, but that Mr. Cockman should have had a Majority of all the Fellows. This is look'd upon as a roguish Construction by honest Men, especially since I have been assur'd by one of the Fellows of the College that 'tis not justify'd either by their Statutes or by Practise. Denison had been with all the Drs. of Div. before the Election, & prepossess'd many of them with odd Notions, &, withall, had secur'd all the Council in Oxford, so that when Mr. Cockman came to Town, he could not get one Lawyer. Upon wch he sends up to Drs.' Commons to a most celebrated Civilian, Dr. Henchman, who came down, & appear'd last Thursday at the Meeting, in order to plead. But when the Vice-Chanc. & Dr. Bouchier saw him, they were quite daunted, & the V. Chanc. put off the Matter to yesterday, being Tuesday, pretending that Dr. Bouchier was not prepared. It seems Dr. Henchman had told the Vice-Chanc. that this Week, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, he must be in London, being retain'd as Council in a Matter upon wch an hundred thousand Pounds depended. The V. Chanc. takes the advantage, & fix[e]s this day for the Meeting, tho' Dr. Henchman plainly told them yt it look'd very gross for an Appellant to say he was not prepar'd (when he ought always to be so), whereas he was prepar'd, tho' he had so very little Notice. The Meeting therefore broke up, nothing being done. And yesterday Morning, at nine Clock, was a Meeting in the Head's Lodgings at University Coll., but neither was then any thing done, but they adjourned 'till to-day. However, yesterday Morning, before the Meeting, Mr. Cockman was install'd Head by the Fellows that had elected him, & he took his Place in the Chapell, and was sworn, & took Possession of the Lodgings before the Meeting began. At the Meeting the Drs. of Xt Church, & some others, plainly told them that the Matter should have been ended last Thursday, that now they had nothing to do in it, their Power in this Case extending no farther than three days. Upon wch they protested agt their Proceedings.

Dec. 13 (Th.). But notwithstanding that protesting, the Vice-Chanc. & several othr Drs. of Div. met Yesterday, at two Clock, in the Lodgings at

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Dec. 13, 1722. **H. to B. Willis** (Rawl. 39. 112). 'I am not displeas'd

Univ. Coll., in Number thirteen, and at that time the Election was declar'd vacant. I saw Mr. Cockman (the Master) this Morning, who told me that there were thirteen, and that there must be, by their Order, a New Election. Mr. Cockman was at my room, and told me this, adding that those that were for him would not be present or be concern'd in the Election, but would stand to wt they had done with respect to himself. I know not when the Election will be, but Mr. Boraston (the Senior Fellow) is already gone away into the Country, and Mr. Cockman himself will go very speedily, & leave the Issue of the Matter to Law. Mr. Whiteside came into my room just as Mr. Cockman was going away. Mr. Cockman did not tell me the Names of those present at the Meeting Yesterday, but Mr. Whiteside told me the Names of twelve, and they are as follow :—

Dr. Robt Shippen, V. Chancellour.
Dr. De Laune, Presidt of St. John's Coll.
Dr. Wiles of St. John's-Coll.
Dr. Moss of St. John's-Coll.
Dr. Bridge of St. John's-Coll.
Dr. Hunt, Master of Balliol-Coll.
Dr. Hole, Rector of Exeter Coll.
Dr. Jones, Principal of Jesus Coll.
Dr. Mather, Presidt of Corpus Xtii Coll.
Dr. Newton, Principal of Hart Hall.
Dr. Davis of Magd. Coll.
Dr. Braborne, Principal of New Inn Hall.
Dr. Wilkes of Trin. Coll.

It seems, in the Statutes of Univ. Coll. the Election must be *Electio Canonica*. This is interpreted by Bouchier and Denison, &c., as if it must be according to Canon Law that there should have been three Scrutators, and that Mr. Cockman should have had the major part of all the Fellows. But this is a strange, wrested Interpretation, there being no such thing mentioned in the Statutes (as there is in New Coll. Statutes, where the Major Part of all the Fellows present is expressly mentioned as necessary to carry the Election), nor is it agreeable to Custom & Practice in the College, where he that had more Voices than any one else that stood us'd to be declar'd Master elect, & afterwards presented to & confirm'd by what they call the Visitors. Had Denison had the same Number of Votes as Mr. Cockman, there is no doubt but his would then have been *Electio Canonica*, however look'd upon by the Party as otherwise now. *Electio Canonica* is no more than a regular Statutable Election, such as Mr. Cockman's certainly was.

Dec. 14 (Fri.). Mr. Cockman (the Master of Univ. Coll.) also told me yesterday (and so I have been assured by others) that in former times the Senior Fellow used to be made Master of Course, no body ever dreaming of this strange Interpretation of having three Scrutators, 'till this Election, when 'twas to do a piece of Service to Denison.

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with your adding *co* to the word you mentioned. I have neither time nor Inclination to write a Book for you on the two vols. we talk'd of.'

I was told yesterday that there were eight that protested at the Meeting on Tuesday Morning last, viz. five Drs. of Xt Ch., & three that were not of Xt Church.

After the Junto had declared the Election void on Wednesday, Mr. Denison went to the V. Chanc., & said, *Pray, Mr. Vice-Chanc., What must we do now? Why, what is the Matter, Mr. Denison,* said the V. Chanc. *Why* (sayd Mr. Denison), *Mr. Boraston is gone out of Town, and hath taken the Coll. Seal with him, so that the Coll. Seal cannot be put to a Citation.* What the V. Chanc. said to this, I know not.

Dec. 15 (Sat.). Yesterday I heard most dismal Clamours agt Mr. Denison, as well as the V. Chanc. & others that espouse Denison, for their abominable Wickedness towards Mr. Cockman. As I went by Univ. Coll., I saw a Citation fixt upon the Chapell Door, but some Scholars being walking up and down the Quadrangle, I did not step in to read it. It is said that they have carried their Malice so high that at the same time they declared the Election vacant, they turn'd also Mr. Boraston out of his Fellowship, under Pretence that he hath a living not tenable with it[1].

Yesterday Morning, at two Clock, the Duke of Beaufort (who is of Univ. Coll.) rid out of Town with that vicious, loose Fellow, Mr. Ward (commonly call'd Jolly Ward) of Univ. Coll. It is said they had sate up 'till that time drinking. Ward was so drunk that he vomited four times between Queen's Coll. Lane & East Gate. They went to Wicombe to meet the Duke's Brother (a school Boy at Westminster), who designs to keep his Xtmass with the Duke.

Mr. Hill, Rector of Charleton upon Otmoor, & late Fellow of Queen's Coll., assured me to-day that Edm. Hall was given to Dr. Felton upon Account of a Living that he is to secure from the Duke of Rutland to one of Queen's Coll. Fellows, as soon as it falls.

I was well assur'd to-day that Matters were so laid that had Mr. Denison had only one vote, & Mr. Cockman all the rest, yet Mr. Cockman's Election should be declar'd voyd, & Mr. Denison be afterwds elected. I said I could not imagin the Vice-Chanc. could pretend to justify such Proceedings. 'Twas reply'd, he is the impudentest

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Dec. 15, 1722. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 135). Received H.'s of the 5th instant. Sorry he mentioned the statue of King Edgar in his former letter: the person who promised to make the draft has disappointed him. A friend in London has heard that H. has a MS. of R. G.'s relating to the Church of Worcester, &c.: will be glad if it can be spared. 'I have two Favours more to request of you, Sr, that if you have any occasion to mention my Name in the Preface, &c., one, that you would not give me those undeserved Titles of egregius, eximius, &c., but onely allow me that of A Lover or Promoter of the Study of Antiquities, &c., and the other, that you would not mention my being at any expences either in the Copies, or in the collating and examining thereof.'

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[1] They only talk'd of it. But did not really eject him, being afraid.

Fellow alive, and there is nothing but Impudence in this very thing. This brings to my mind what I have heard more than once [. . . . . .].

Dec. 16 (Sun.). This Day Sennight, in the Afternoon (as the News Writers tell us), died Ann, Dutchess of Richmond, Daughter of Francis, Lord Brudenel, and Sister to the present Earl of Cardigan. When his Grace the Duke married her, she was Widow of Henry, L^d^ Bellasis. She was a Lady of extraordinary Beauty and Vertue.

Dec. 17 (Mon.). Yesterday I was told that there is a Seal to the Citation at University College, but that 'tis not the College Seal, but some other without any Inscription, and that 'tis called *Sigillum authenticum* in the Citation.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, M^rs^. Meades, that poyson'd her Husband, escap'd out of Bocardo Prison, and got off. It is suppos'd to have been a Contrivance either between the Keeper of the Prison, M^r^. Mabbot, or else his Wife, & many others of her loose Companions. For she had a very great liberty, such as ought not to be allow'd to such Criminals, of going up and down every Room in the House, & of sitting as a Companion with the Keeper and his Wife, with only a little Chain about one Leg. There was a great Throng when she escap'd, & 'tis s^d^ she had an odd riding Hood on, and that this Throng convey'd her off (being pack'd accordingly), and there was no noise of her Escape 'till ab^t^ half Hour after. 'Tis thought she went for London in Man's Cloaths.

M^r^. Tomkins, late of S^t^. John's Coll., Camb., a Non Juror, was a learned Man, and, as it seems, an Antiquary. M^r^. Baker of S^t^. John's tells me, in a Letter dat. Sep. 9^th^ last, that this M^r^. Tomkins has wrote the Life of S^r^ John Packington (tempore Eliz. & Jac.), now in the hands of the present S^r^ John Packington.

Dunstable, near Amphtill. 'Twas at Dunstable that Archb^p^ Cranmer resided some time, to bring ab^t^ the Divorce betw. K. H. VIII & Q. Catharine, Q. Catharine residing at Amphtill, whither she had retired. Sanderus de Schism. Angl., p. 98.

Dec. 18 (Tu.). Notwithstanding M^r^. Cockman's right to the Headship of University College, as having been legally chosen by a Majority, yet the V. Chanc., &c., having been so impudent as to vacate the Election, yesterday M^r^. Denison's Party went to a new Election, and pronounc'd him chosen (a most unpresidented and abominable Act), after w^ch^ there was great ringing of Bells all over the Town, except in Colleges, & such triumphing & insulting as the like, upon such an occasion, was never heard of before: and against the Duke of Beaufort's Lodgings in University Coll. was a great Bonfire, & abundance of Ale in the Street, the Duke looking on all the time out of a Window, & encouraging the Mob, & being at the Charge of all these vile, rascally doings. Punch,

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Dec. 18, 1722. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 130). Wants to know whether the Fragments are in 8^vo^ or twelves. Can't bring himself to think they were part of an Almanac.

also, & Ale was provided at his Charges in many Places of the Town, without doubt at the suggestion of his Tutor, Denison, & the rest that have countenanced this horrid Piece of Wickedness.

This day, at two Clock, the Bells in Oxford went for old Dodwell, the Lawyer, who died this day. He hath a Son (that is married), a Lawyer, living ag^t^ the Theater. W^ch^ Son is just married, & brought his Wife home the latter End of last Week. She is a relation of the Smiths of Kidlington, is said to have a 1000 libs. for her Fortune, & is a pretty little Woman.

Dec. 19 (Wed.). I heard it confidently said Yesterday that the thirteen that were at the Meeting in University College on the 12^th^ inst. signed every Man of them a Paper for declaring the Election vacant, but that only four since (two of w^ch^ are D^r^. Shippen & D^r^. De Laune) have put their Hands to a Paper approving M^r^. Denison, the rest, it seems, being somew^t^ confounded at what they have done.

Dec. 20 (Th.). M^r^. Willis, being in Town two or three days since, told me that he is now writing and going to print the Antiquities of the Cathedral Church of Litchfield. I fear it will be but a poor Performance, unless it be methodiz'd & managed by somebody else. His View of the Mitred Abbeys in Leland's Coll. is good. But it had been wretched Stuff, had it been printed as done by him. He afterwards spoil'd it in a Book of Crudities, in two Volumes, about our Abbies.

Dec. 21 (Fri.). I heard Yesterday that M^r^. Denison hath got seven (and no more) of the Hands of those that vacated the Election, viz. D^r^. Shippen, D^r^. De Laune, D^r^. Bridge, D^r^. Hunt, D^r^. Jones, D^r^. Hole, D^r^. Brabourn.

Dec. 22 (Sat.). Yesterday (being S^t^. Thomas's Day) M^r^. Denison's Party installed him Master of Univ. Coll. This was done in the Morning, and S^t^. Marie's & S^t^. Peter's in the East Bells rang upon the occasion.

Yesterday, as I was walking up Heddington Hill, I met M^r^. Francis Heywood (the Lawyer), of Holywell in Oxon., who told me that he hath got Writings by w^ch^ it appeareth that one Part of Forresthill belong'd formerly to Osney Abbey, and another Part to the Priory of Studley. He said he hath other Writings, by w^ch^ it appears that Osney Abbey had Weifs and Strays in Shotover Forrest.

Dec. 20, [1722]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 100). Has consulted the MS. at Benet College, and sends a reading from it. Death of Dr. Covel, Master of Christ's College. [See Diary, Dec. 27.] ''Tis said, D^r^. Waterland, Master of Magd. Coll., is to succeed him in his Chancellorship at York, & some say in his Mastership likewise, if he desires it, but the Master there being perpetual Bursar, such business is hardly consistent with his other affairs. If he is not the man, it will depend much upon My L^d^ Notingham & his son, M^r^. Finch (Fellow there), to determine the election.'

Dec. 23 (Sun.).

The Body of her Grace the late Dutchess of Richmond was carried out of Town (Lond., on ....[1]), to be interred at Dean Thorp in Northamptonshire, near the Seat of her Brother, the Earl of Cardigan.

Extract of a Letter from Salisbury, dated Dec. 14, 1722 :—

Yesterday was interred in our Cathedral Church, in an ancient Monument of the Family of the most noble and potent Prince, Charles, Duke of Somerset, &c., &c., &c., the Body of the most excellent Princess Elizabeth, Dutchess of Somerset, &c., A Lady most eminent, and alwayes as highly distinguish'd by her most extraordinary Virtues and Accomplishments as illustrious by Birth and Alliances. Her Grace was Daughter and sole Heiress of the Right Honourable Joceline, Earl of Northumberland, Baron Piercy of Alnwick, Baron Lucy of Egremond, Baron Poynings, Fitzpaine, Brian, and Latimer, and Lord of the Honours of Cokermouth, Petworth, &c. Her Grace's Body was attended hither by her Daughter, the Right Honourable the Lady Catherine Wyndham, M^r. Charles Wyndham, Grandson to their Graces, together with the R^t Hon^ble the Earl of Thomond, and Sir William Wyndham, Bar^t, and others. The funeral Ceremony was in every Thing suitable to her Grace's great Quality, without any ostentatious Pomp.

At the same time were deposited in that antient, noble Monument the Bodies of two of their Graces' Sons, viz. the Right Hon. the Lord Piercy Seymour, their 4^th Son, who died Anno 1721, and the Right Hon. the Lord Charles Seymour, their 5^th Son, who died Anno 1710, being removed hither from Westminster-Abbey, where they had been first interr'd, near the Monument of Anne, Dutchess of Somerset, Widow and Relict of the most noble and potent Prince, Edward, Duke of Somerset, Uncle to Edward the Sixth, and Protector of England during the Minority of that Prince.

Dec. 24 (Mon.). On Sunday Evening (Dec. 16, 1722), at ab^t 9 Clock, X^t Church great Bell rung out for M^rs. Crook, Mother in Law to D^r. Clavering, Canon of X^t Ch., with whom she lived ever since the D^r. was married to her Daughter, who is a pretty little Woman, whereas the Mother was a large, fat Woman.

This day I saw M^r. Taylour of University Coll., who told me that Denison's Party have broke open the Master's Seat in their College Chapell, that he may sit as Master there.

He told me that their old Statutes, made in 1311, make their Senior Fellow to be Master of Course. He told me that the later Statutes, made in 1475, are for *Electio Canonica*, or a free, regular Election, and that these have been follow'd ever since, and that they went according to these in their late Election of M^r. Cockman. He told me that by virtue of their statutes, all ought to be over after the Election *intra biduum vel triduum*.

He told me that with abundance of Difficulty Denison hath got these Hands of Approbation :—

1. D^r. Shippen, V. Chanc.
2. D^r. De Laune, Pres. of S^t. John's.
3. D^r. Bridge of S^t. John's.
4. D^r. Hunt, Master of Balliol.
5. D^r. Wilkes, Fellow of Trin. Coll.

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

6. Dr. Jones, Princ. of Jesus.
7. Dr. Hole, Rector of Exeter Coll.
8. Dr. Mather, Pres. of Corpus.
9. Dr. Davies, Fellow of Magd. Coll.
10. Dr. Brabourn, Principal of New Inn Hall.
11. Mr. James Martyn, Pro-Proctour, of New-Coll. NB. He is Junior Proproctor to the Junior Proctor (who is of New Coll.), & yet his Senior Proproctor was then in Town.

Dec. 25 (Tu.). Mr. Taylour at the same time also told me that Mr. Denison had the Statute Book and Register, the Vice-Chancellour having demanded them.

Dec. 26 (Wed.). In pag. 6 of Archbp Parker's Ed. of Asser Men. are these Words: Defuncto autem Æthelpulfo reȝe, sepultoque apud Stemruȝam. Others say he was buried at Winchester. In Bennet Coll. Libr. (at Camb.) is a MS. of Asser, Miscel. Q. P. 92. Mr. Baker tells me no Place is nam'd in it, the reading being thus: *Defuncto autem Aethelwulfo rege, Aethelbald, filius ejus*, &c.—without any words intervening. The MS. is in a very modern hand, probably copied out in ArchBp Parker's time, by his order and direction.

Dec. 27 (Th.). On the 19th inst. died Dr. Covel, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, in a very advanct Age, being then the oldest Man in that University. My Lord Harley has most of his MSS., and the rest are to be delivered to his Ldship by his Executors. My Lord has a Catalogue of most of his printed Books; whether he will purchase these, I cannot say. The MSS., I think, relate chiefly to the Greek Church, a History of wch the Dr. published lately in Folio.

Yesterday died, at her Lodgings agt the Theater in Oxon., the Lady Norris, Widow of the late Sir Edward Norris, of Weston on the Green. She was a very charitable Woman [1].

Dec. 28 (Fri.). Last Night was delivered of a Son, a Daughter of Mr. Plastin, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., who is married to one Colmer, M.A. & Clarke of Magd. Coll. She had a Child by him before, but was brought to Bed in London, and the Child died. She is something handsome, but Colmer is ugly.

[Extracts from Capgrave's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Dec. 29 (Sat.). One Mr. Gronas, having, about the time of Registring Roman Catholick Estates, bought the Estate at Holywell, in the Suburbs of Oxon., wch belong'd to the Nevills, he finds the Bargain nothing near so good as he expected, my Friend, Mr. Thomas Kimber, who sold it him for Mr. Nevill (for no body understood it so well as Mr. Kimber, who had acted as Steward many Years), having manag'd the Affair with abundance of Wisdom and Honesty in behalf of his Friend.

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[1] She was buried at Weston, on Dec. 28th.

Dec. 30 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Dec. 29, 1722:—

The Reverend and Learned D^r^. John Covell, Master of Christ-Church College in Cambridge, and Chancellour of the Church of York, being lately dead, his Grace the L^d^ Archb^p^ of York has conferr'd the Dignity on the Reverend D^r^. Waterland, for his very learned Defence of the Faith against the Modern Arians and Socinians.

Dec. 31 (Mon.). A few Weeks since died M^r^. Joseph Abell, M.A. and Fellow of Merton Coll. He took the Degree of Master of Arts, June 18, 1702. He died at a Parsonage in the Country, w^ch^ he held with his Fellowship. He hath translated some Things in Potter's Antiquities of Greece, and once design'd to have Publish'd Aristotle's Ethicks, and, indeed, was capable, as to Learning, of doing something considerable, but being of an extraordinary good nature, he kept too much Company, prov'd a Sot, and by continual bibbing shortened his Life.

Jan. 1 (Tu.), 172⅔. I heard Yesterday of a Woman that reap'd last Summer, at Sanford near Oxford, an hundred and three years old. At the same time I heard of an old Man, an hundred and three Years old, that a few Years since plaid at Backsword in Berks. with a Young Man, that, indeed, beat the old Man, but acknowledg'd that 'twas not for his honour to do it, and confess'd that tho' he got the Victory, yet he was never so belabour'd in his Life.

Jan. 2 (Wed.). Our Vice-Chancellour and M^r^. Denison are both out of Town, 'tis said at London, about the Affair of University College. And yesterday I was told by M^r^. Nevile, one of the Fellows of Univ. Coll., that the Duke of Beaufort and M^r^. Geo. Ward lately form'd a Design of taking Possession of the Master's Lodgings, but that, being not able to corrupt the Man whom M^r^. Cockman hath left to take care of them, it miscarried.

On the 16th of March last died M^rs^. Catharine Thistlethwayt, Daughter of the late M^r^. Gyles Thistlethwayt, Architypographus and Superior Beadle of the Civil Law to the Univ. of Oxon. She was married to a Clergyman, now living in the Country, who prov'd a cross, sorry Fellow to her, tho' she was a pretty, civil, good-natur'd young Creature as could be.

Jan. 1, 172⅔. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 132). Has sent a copy of the Acta. Sorry he cannot help Dr. Crowe to Roper. Was not Thomas Britton, the famous small-coal man, born at Wellingborough in Northamptonshire, and did he not die in 1714? He was buried in the church-yard of Clerkenwell. Wants a copy of his epitaph, if any.

Jan. 1, 172⅔. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 72). 'While I was considering how to procure a MS. of Rob^t^ of Glocester for You to publish, an affair has happened of which I think You ought to be apprised. M^r^. Jacob Tonson, the Bookseller, has brought from France some Additions in MS., which are very large and considerable, to Thuanus's History; this has made him resolve to put out a new Edition of Thuanus, and he designs to have it printed at Oxford; he will want a carefull Editor, and will, if you think fit to undertake the work, employ You in it.'

Jan. 3, 172⅔. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 95. 81). Received R. M.'s obliging letter about a new edition of Thuanus. 'I have no reason to doubt

Jan. 4 (Fri.). Yesterday, about 10 Clock in the Morning, was found the dead Body of one Philips, a Servitour of Jesus Coll., of about two Years' standing. It was found in the Water at the End of X^t^ Church Meadow, just where the Rivers Isis and Charwell meet. There was found an Hole or two in his Head, and some Contusions, w^ch^ make some think he was murdered. He hath been missing six Weeks or two Months. He had the Character of a Civil, honest Man. He was buried to-night at S^t^. Aldate's.

Jan. 5 (Sat.). Last Night was buried in the Church Yard of S^t^. Peter's in the East one M^r^. Gardiner, A.B., formerly of Brasen-Nose Coll., a Gentleman of about 14 Years' standing. He had got Preferment beyond Sea, and was going thither again, but having been in the West of England to see his only sister (that is married to one M^r^. Stevens, formerly of Magd. Coll.) & his Mother, who lives with his said Sister (upon w^ch^ Mother he had just settled for her Life, provided he surviv'd her, sixty Pounds a Year), & being come to Oxford to see his Aunt, one M^rs^. Heddington, just as he came hither he fell ill of a violent Feaver, that carried him off in three or four days' time. He died on Wednesday last. His Father was a Wheelright in the Gravel Walk, that died about 14 Years agoe.

Jan. 6 (Sun.). One Wise, Fellow of Trinity College, having published, in 8^vo^, a new Ed. of Asser Menevensis's Life of King Ælfred, the Book is by no means approv'd of, but look'd upon to be much worse than either that of Archb^p^ Parker, finely printed in the Saxon Letter, or that of Camden.

M^r^. Lethullier, a Gent.Man Commoner of that Coll. [Trinity], hath collected a great many good Coyns. This M^r^. Lethullier hath travelled [in] many parts of England. I am told he hath a 4^to^ Book in w^ch^ he writes down his Observations, intitling it, *Lethullier's Itinerary through England.* I am told this M^r^. Lethullier minds little of Antiquity, but confines himself to modern Things, and that, having some Skill in Architecture, he notes the modern Seats. M^r^. Lethullier is a virtuoso, & delights mightily in Fossils, &c., of w^ch^ he hath a good Collection.

Jan. 7 (Mon.). I have been told that M^r^. Kimber of Holywell's Father was originally a Protestant, but that he turn'd Papist upon the following Accident. A Cow of his being in some Meadow near Osney,

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of the value of the MSS. Additions, but since I find that it is to be done at the Expenses of a Bookseller, and that if I engage in the Edition, I must be abridg'd of my liberty, and be directed by I know not whom, I humbly desire to be altogether excus'd from meddling in it. We have an History Professor, a Librarian, and others, at leisure, and it may be therefore proper, perhaps, for M^r^. Tonson to employ them. Were I to print a long Work, distinct from what relates particularly to our own British History and Antiquities, I should rather enter upon Tully (in which I have taken Pains) than Thuanus. As the Case stands, I must beg leave to wait still for Rob. of Glouc., or some other MS.'

Jan. 3, 172⅔. S. Harding to H. (Rawl. 7. 31). Asks H. to supply a missing sheet in his copy of Glastonbury.

and being disabled from rising from the Ground in the hinder Parts of the Body, Mr. Kimber and his Wife being one day to look upon her, and being not able to raise her, his Wife (who was always a Papist, but a very good Woman) uttered some pious Ejaculations, and put holy Water upon her, upon wch the Cow soon after got up, and was well. This had such an Effect upon the Husband that he presently turn'd Roman Catholick, and so continued to the last.

Jan. 8 (Tu.). The last Book I published, being the Antiquities of Glastonbury, written by a pious and learned Gentleman, several Persons have been strangely nettled at that Book, and yesterday I was assur'd that some of the Privy Council took it into Consideration, tho' they thought fit to lye still, and not make any Noise about it.

Last Sunday Morning, about 2 Clock, was brought to bed of a Daughter the Wife of John Sheppard, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., being John's first Child since he was married, but he had a Son, before he was married, by a first Couzin, with whom he had made a Contract, but broke it off. The Boy is about 9 Years old, & is now living at Charlebury, where the Mother also lives.

Jan. 9 (Wed.). Last night I saw Mr. Taylor of University Coll., who gave me the Names of the following Visitors (as they are stiled) of their Coll. that were in Town between Dec. 17, the day of Mr. Denison's pretended Election, and Dec. 21, the Day of his pretended Admission, viz.

1. Senior Theologus Dr. Hammond. } Canons of Christ Church.
2. Dr. Burton.
3. Dr. Stratford.
4. Dr. Clavering.
5. Dr. Terry.
6. Dr. Panting, Master of Pembr. Coll.
7. Dr. Moulden of Pemb. Coll.
8. Dr. Carter, Provost of Oriel Coll.
9. Dr. Holland, Warden of Merton Coll.
10. Dr. Gibson, Provost of Queen's Coll.
11. Dr. Dobson, President of Trinity Coll.
12. Dr. Holdsworth, Fellow of St. John's Coll.
13. Dr. Evans, Fellow of St. John's Coll.
14. Mr. Webb of Magd. Coll., Senr Proctor.

Jan. 8, 172⅔. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 27c. 90). Thanks for book received: Dr. Crowe will be glad of others by return. 'As to Mr. Thomas Briton, all that I can Learn, his wife being Dead about two years since, Is from a Niece of hers, who says he was born at or Near Higham Ferrers in Northampton Shire, that he was upwards of 60 years of Age, Died in September, 1714, and was Inter'd at Clerkenwell, without Monument or Inscription.'

Jan. 9, [172⅔]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 111). Having been confined to his room by a slight indisposition, employed two friends to search for the Rhythms in Saxon characters, but without success. Encloses an extract from a letter from Dr. Tanner: '"... I desire you to give my service to Mr. Hearne, & that he & you would freely use me or my collections, whenever you think fit.—I desire that Mr. Hearne would let me be a subscriber to this Rob. Glocester, & to all his other things that he shall think fit to publish, wch I did

Here are more than those that set their Hands to this Paper of Approbation, wch may be seen above, under Dec. 24. I have said *Visitors, as they are styled*, because Mr. Taylour told me that the Drs. of Div. have not any right to visit by their Statutes, and that it is an usurped Power, first taken up after the Restauration of K. Charles IId, viz. in the Year 1666, and that if any among us have right to visit, it is the Convocation. He also signify'd that the Vice-Chanc. hath no right to call the Meetings, but the Senior Theologus. At the same time Mr. Taylor also let me transcribe a Copy of Mr. Cockman and his Five Fellows's Protestation that they gave in at the Meeting at Univ. Coll., on Tuesday Morning, Dec. 11, after Mr. Cockman had been installed, &c., viz.

11o Decembris, 1722. Comparuerunt Thomas Cockman, Artium Magister, nuper Socius Collegij Universitatis Oxon., & modo Magister dicti Collegij, Johannes Boraston, A.M., Cavendish Nevile, A.M., Johannes Brown, Sacræ Theologiæ Baccalaureus, Thomas Cockerell, A.M., & Franciscus Taylor, A.M., respective Socij Collegij Universitatis Oxon. prædict., sub protestatione, & allegarunt quod Triduum est plenariè elapsum ex quo illi Electum suum præsentarunt & petierunt Ipsius Electionem confirmari & approbari: Quare comparent, & eorum quilibet comparet, sub protestatione de non consentiendo in Diem, Horas, Locum, nec Dominos Judicantes tanquam sibi ipsis Judices competentes, Ex eo quod Authoritas & Jurisdictio Vicecancellarij, Doctorum, & Procuratorum, per Statuta Collegij Universitatis praed., ultra Triduum ijs ad reproband. vel admittend. per Socios Electum ulterius extendi non debet nec potest, occasione approbationis prætensæ interpositæ, aut ob aliam Rationem quamcunque.

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Thomas Cockman, Collegij Magister.
Johannes Boraston, Socius.
Cavendish Nevile, Socius.
Johannes Browne, Socius.
Tho. Cockerill, Socius.
Fran. Taylor, Socius.

Indors'd: Protest. Mag. & Socior. Coll. Univ., 11o Dec., 1722.

Written by Dr. Thomas Crosthwait, of Queen's College, Oxon.:—

At ye visitation of Vniv. Coll., vpon an appeal yt widdow Ayerst made agt Tho. Nicholson, that was elected at ye School of Maidstone, or Rochester, before her son, — Ayerst, who was a kin to ye benefactor: We mett at[1] Vniversity Coll., 16 May, 1693, when ye will was read, viz. of Gunsly, who gaue by this will a benefaction to Vn. Coll. & 4r exhibitioners' places, & ye words of ye will are these: that my *name and kindred to be preferr'd* before any of ye rest. Dr. Bouchier, advocate to ye Coll., told us that these wordes ought to be vnderstood in all wills & Coll. Stat. wth a cæteris paribus, wch opinion of his was ye reason why we agreed vpon these three propositions. May 16, 1693. For ye present. The propositions are these:—

1. Resolv'd yt ye person who is both of ye name & kindred ought to be preferr'd in ye election before those who are only of ye name or onely of ye kindred.

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not before because there was a Gentleman that usually furnished me with his books. . . ." I was glad to see you lately (tho' only in Effigie). I hope you will give us the same Print before your next Book.'

[1 MS. 'an.']

2. Resolved that those who are only of ye Kindred ought to be preferr'd before those who are neither of ye name nor kindred.

3. That ye preferences aboue mention'd ought to be vnderstood according to ye founder's will with a cæteris paribus.

We mett agen on ye 8th of June, or Thursday in Easter [*sic*] week: ye number of ye visitours were Dr. Maunder, provicechanc., Dr. Eaton, Dr. Turner, Dr. Bernard, Dr. Mear, Dr. Crosthwait, Dr. Baily, Dr. Sikes, Proctr Altham, & Proctr Veasy. Most of them insisted on this, yt we could not goe from ye former resolutions.

[Passage of Anglo-Saxon on an inserted leaf omitted.]

Jan. 10 (Th.). On the 26th[1] of last Month died of the Dead Palsy, in the 75th Year of his Age, Ralph Tayler, D.D., formerly of Trin. Coll., Oxon., an eminent Non Juror, and a wise Man. He died at his Brother's House at Littleton, Com. Wig. He had been often beyond Sea, & was intrusted with Affairs of great Moment. He was Uncle to Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. He was born in 1648, three Months after his Father's Death.

Jan. 11 (Fri.). About a Fortnight since died Mr. Edw. Strong, late Fellow of Balliol Coll. He took his Master of Arts' Degree, June 25, 1698. After this he had a College Living, which he exchang'd (by Consent of the Coll.) for another (not belonging to the Coll.) near Salisbury. He died (intestate, as I hear) worth fourteen thousand Pounds. He was a good Mathematician, and a very ingenious Man.

Above a Week since died old Mr. Heywood, a rich Attorney, at his House near London, aged about 72. He was Father to Mr. Francis Heywood, the Atturney, of Holywell in Oxon.[2]

Jan. 12 (Sat.). After Mr. Cockman found how Denison and his Party insisted so much upon *Electio Canonica*, he writ down his Case, just after his Election, and sent it about to the Drs. and Proctors. This was read to me last Night by Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll., and in it the Weakness and Fallacy of the Plea is sufficiently shew'd.

Jan. 13 (Sun.). Sir Robert Adams, Kt, died lately at his Habitation in the Charter-House-Yard, in the 96th Year of his Age.

On Friday, the 4th Instant, died suddenly, in the 79th Year of his Age, David Lloyd, Esq., of an ancient Family in the County of Cardigan. He was Captain of a Man of War, as also of a Troop in the Royal Regiment of Horse, and Groom of the Bed-Chamber, in the Reign of King James the Second, whom he followed in his Exile, and shared his Prince's

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Jan. 10, 172⅔. W. Lewis to H. (Rawl. 7. 168). Wants catalogue of H.'s books for a friend. Shall he send Knowles' Materia Medica? Wants copies of Textus and Collection of Curious Discourses.

Jan 12, 172⅔. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 52). Please add Sir John Evelyn's name to the list of subscribers for Heming, and 'print Mr. Baylis no otherwise than Robt Baylis, Esqr.'

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[1] See below, Jan. 15.

[2] He was buried Saturd. Night, Jan. 12, 1722, at Forresthill, near Oxon., where his Son hath lately purchas'd a good Estate.

Fortune 'till his Death. He was a Gentleman of great Honour, Probity, Sincerity, and Religion, and generally esteem'd and belov'd.

Jan. 14 (Mon.). On Saturday (the 5th of this inst.), in the Afternoon, died the Reverend Mr. Sam. Downes, who quitted his Fellowship of St. John's College in Oxford upon Account of the Oaths to the present Government. This Gentleman was about 25 or 26 Years of Age, or, it may be, more, & a good Scholar. He lately put out an excellent Ed. of Sparrow's Rationale upon the Common-Prayer, wth the Lives before it of the Compilers of the Liturgy. He married within this 12 Month a Sister of my Friend, Mr. John Lake, a worthy Non-Juror, and 'tis said he would have had eight Thousand Pounds, had he surviv'd an Uncle of his.

The Cotton, and Royal, Library, which were both kept at Westminster, are now remov'd to the House in Essex-street where the Commissioners of the forfeited Estates were used to meet.

Jan. 15 (Tu.). From Mist's Journal of Saturd., Jan. 12 :—

On Wednesday sennight (it should be fortnight; see above, Jan. 10th[1]) died the Reverend Dr. Ralph Taylor, formerly Rector of Stoke-Severn, near Worcester, and was interred at South Littleton in the said County, on the Friday following; not complying with the Terms of the Government after the Revolution, he was some Years Chaplain to the Protestants who followed the Fortunes of the late King James II at St. Germain's. He was a Gentleman of that Politeness of Manners, and Knowledge in all parts of Literature, as rendered his Conversation usefull to all, and agreeable even to those who differed from him in Point of Religion or Politicks.

Jan. 16 (Wed.). Notwithstanding Mrs. Meads[2], that murdered her husband by Poyson, made her Escape out of Prison, yet the Grand Jury at the Quarterly Sessions brought her in guilty of wilfull Murder. She is not yet taken again, tho' she hath been seen about Combe (by Woodstock), where her Father lives, & in other Places, sometimes in Man's Cloaths, with a short bob Wig. Mabbot, the Goal-Keeper, and his Wife are ordered to be prosecuted as Confederates, and, indeed, I heard one of his Daughters (for both of his Daughters were with me), viz. she that lives with them, say that her Mother did deliver the Key of the Prison to Mrs. Meals [*sic*], and by that means she escaped. One Robt Matthews is made Goal-Keeper in Mabbot's Room, he being turn'd out.

Jan. 17 (Th.). Mr. Grove of Marston, near Oxford, a Man who hath lived very reputably, & who was look'd upon to be very rich, being a great dealer and renting much Land, was found dead Yesterday Morning, having hang'd himself. 'Tis said 'twas chiefly occasion'd by the Extravagancies of one of his Sons, a married Man at Ifley, wch Son

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Jan. 15, 172⅔. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 134). Has sent books for Dr. Crowe. Account of money owing. Thanks for note about Thomas Britton.

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

[2] [Altered from 'Meals.']

is a strange Spendthrift, & brought his Father so low that his Father's Things were lately seiz'd for Debt. Nor is it unlikely that he might be likewise inflicted upon account of a Daughter married to one Howell, a Farmer at Wolvercote, with whom he gave more Money than his Circumstances would bear. Yet he hath another Daughter married to an old, very rich Man at Pen in Bucks. He was buried to-night at Marston. He was brought in *a sudden Death*, & not *murther*.

Jan. 18 (Fri.). Last Monday, the 14th inst. (the 14th being always the day), was All Souls Coll. Mallard, at wch time 'tis usual with the Fellows and their Friends to have a Supper, and to sit up all Night drinking and singing. Their Song is the Mallard, and formerly they us'd to ramble about the College with Sticks & Poles, &c., in quest of the Mallard, and they had a Lord of the Mallard, but this hath been left off many Years. They tell you the Custom arose from a swinging old Mallard that had been lost at the Foundation of the College, and found many Years after in the Sink.

Mr. Prior, the late famous Poet, died worth above eight Thousand Pounds.

I was told this Afternoon that Mr. Grove's Children (five in Number, viz. 3 Sons & 2 Daughters) were all very undutifull, excepting that at Pen, and that this troubled him. I am told also that his Wife indulg'd the Children [. . . . . .].

They have reprinted at London Carew's Survey of Cornwall, wch I look'd upon as worth thirty shillings before, nor do I value it less now, notwithstanding this Edition.

Jan. 19 (Sat.). Mr. Hill, Rector of Charleton upon Otmoor, told me yesterday that it should be writ Otmere, Lakes in their North Countrey being stiled Meres, and dry, barren Grounds *Moors*. I remember there is a Place above Nettlebed (near Henly) called Highmoor, wch is a dry Ground, & not very fertile.

Yesterday Mr. Francis Gwyn took the Abjuration Oath at the Town Hall, to qualify himself for perpetual Fellow of All Souls College, having taken it before for Probationer Fellow.

Jan. 20 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. James Creed, Bach. of Arts of Queen's College, was entered (by Dr. Felton) Vice-Principal of Edmund Hall, Mr. Whitehead (who had been entered before) having quitted it, after he had been there about a Week, because Dr. Felton (the Principal) would not let him have the Benefit of the Pupils.

[Note from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Jan. 21 (Mon.). The said Edwd Halle's Chronicle is a Book that hath been sold for seven Guineas, or seven Pounds.

[Extracts from this book omitted.]

Jan. 22 (Tu.). There is come out in ii Volumes, in folio, A Continuation of the Monasticon Anglicanum, by Captain John Stevens (who

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Jan. 22, [172⅔?]. **G. Hearne to H.** (Rawl. 28. 107). [This letter is not in George Hearne's handwriting.] Hearty thanks for letter with guinea

stiles himself John Stevens, Gent.), done in English, with an Appendix of Instrum^ts, &c., in Latin, &c. It is far from being a compleat Work, tho' y^e Frieries be also taken in. The Author often transcribes what I have published verbatim. A just Continuation should be done in the Originals, in the same manner as is done by Dodsworth & Dugdale, but this will require a more able Hand than Capt. Stevens's, at least it will be necessary to have access to a greater Number of Original Grants & MSS. than the Capt. (who is an honest Man) can command. This Capt. Stevens is a Roman Catholick, and was an Officer in Ireland for K. James II.

Yesterday the V. Chanc. sent for me, on purpose to engage me to undertake Jacob Tonson's design'd Ed. of Thuanus. Jacob is now in Oxford. But I have had no Discourse with him. The V. Ch. was very pressing. But I declin'd it.

Jan. 24 (Th.). The Paper here inserted contains the Title of a Folio MS., in Paper, shew'd me yesterday by M^r. James West of Ball. Coll., as also D^r. Kidder's Account of it. M^r. West met with it in D^r. Hunt the Master of the College's Study, but knows not yet whether or no it really belongs to the Master. It is written in Latin, & hath an Index to it, & is a fair Book. I do not doubt but there are other Copies.

Porta Veritatis, sive Compendiaria via ad Beatitudinem, Authore Jacob Aben Amram Judæo; Anno ab orbe Condito 5394.

This MSS. was found in the Library of the very Learned Ra. Cudworth, D.D. Thence It came into the Hands of my learned friend, P. Allix, D.D., of whoom I bought it. I have heard D^r. Cudworth say that he bought of M. Ben Israel a MS. for ten pound, & I beleive this to be the same. It hath been thought that M. Ben Israel was y^e Authour of it. I cannot

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enclosed. 'Nan is remoued from y^e place where She was, and is now Liuing att Woburn in Buks., but with who I can't tell. Her B[rother] Will only knows. Concerning y^e people you writ about, y^e womon's name was Jane Blackwell, and y^e Boy's name was Barnaby, but when they died I Can't tell, being a Great many years agoe. I continue uery ill and bad, being not able to help my Self in any degree. I would begg of you to Step ouer as Soon as you can, being desirous to see you once more before I Die.'

Jan. 22, 172⅔. W. Lewis to H. (Rawl. 7. 171). Wants four of H.'s books, for which he will pay on demand.

Jan. 23, 172⅔. H. to G. Knowles (Diaries, 95. 103). Saw Mr. Dyer of Oriel College, who gives his service. If the two copies are sent here, the second payment will be made for them. 'I know of no Printer here that will engage. London is a far more likely Place than this in w^ch to make your Terms.'

Jan. 24, [172⅔]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 156). Knows nothing of the author of the Historia Meriadoci. The MS. of Asser at Benet College is only a copy. Note on Johannes Fordun. [See extract from this letter, Diary, Jan. 29.] 'D^r. Middleton is publishing a Dissertation in Latin, being a Method of ordering & digesting our Books in the new Library. His first design was only to print some few copies for the perusall of his Friends, to offer y^r own observations. If any copies go abroad, I will secure one for you. I dare say the D^r. will be willing. I am told you have had an advantagious offer made you towards publishing Thuanus, & rejected it, & tho' I must always wish your advantage, yet I cannot blame you, if you prefer liberty to profit.'

affirm that to be so. But I can affirm that I take it to be y^e^ greatest effort against Christianity that I ever saw in any language whatsoever. And for that reason I do declare that it is my will that it be not sold to any private person for any price how great sowever, Lest by that means it should be printed without an answer, to the prejudice of Christian[it]y. I rather Will that it should be burnt, or given to some publick library, upon sufficient caution that it be never lent out of y^e^ said library, nor transcrib'd, but lock'd up by its self, and consulted upon occasion in the library by such only as shall be allowed by y^e^ Owners of the said library. May 9, 1700.

RICHARD BATH & WELLS.

M^rs^. Meades, that poyson'd her Husband & made her Escape out of Prison, being taken again somewhere near London, was brought to Town last Night, & committed again to Bocardo[1].

Yesterday was M^r^. Johnson (Son in Law to M^r^. Rance, Senior, the Printer's) Birthday (w^ch^ M^r^. Johnson, a Wine Cooper in Lond., married M^r^. Rance's eldest Daughter), and the wedding day of M^r^. Batten, who is now M.A., & married M^rs^. Eliz. Rance, another of the said M^r^. Rance's Daughters. The youngest of M^r^. Rance's Daughters is M^rs^. Jane Rance, who is now about 18 Years of Age.

In the xxxiii of H. VIII, cap. 27, among the Acts, is something about the consent of the more Part in Colleges. But nothing for M^r^. Denison.

One Staunton writ about the great Conflict, temp. Ed. 3^d^, at Oxon., eight days after it happen'd. One Synewall also writ ab^t^ it. So M^r^. Taylor tells me of Univ. Coll.

Jan. 25 (Fri.). Yesterday was baptized M^r^. Colmer's Son, mentioned above, Dec. 28^th^[2]. Gossips were M^r^. Boyse, Mayor of Oxon., M^r^. Heather, M.A. & Fellow of Univ. Coll., M^rs^. King, at the Angel Inn, & M^rs^. Min, wife of M^r^. Thomas Min, the Joyner. It was baptized in S^t^. Peter's Ch. in the East.

Jan. 26 (Sat.). M^r^. Green of Chilswell Farm can tell many Historical Things. This M^r^. Green is a substantial Man. He hath got well by renting the Farm, & he hath, withall, an Estate. He is a Man that bears a good Character, & is well beloved.

Jan. 27 (Sun.). Mist's Journal of Jan. 26 (viz. Yesterday):—

By Letters from Rome, we are told that on Christmas Day last the Chevalier

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Jan. 25, 172⅔. **H. to T. Baker** (Diaries, 95. 106). Asks T. B. to compare the Preface to King Alfred's Saxon translation of Gregory's Pastoral, printed by Archbp. Parker at the end of his edition of Asser Menevensis, with the MS. at Benet College Library.

Jan. 26, 172⅔. **W. Lewis to H.** (Rawl. 7. 172). His namesake of Nottinghamshire wants a copy of Glastonbury: please send it with the books mentioned in his last.

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[1] She was taken in Wapping, as she was buuying [*sic*] suggar in a shop. She had entered herself about a Fortnight before into the Service of a Merchant. She was design'd to have been shipp'd off (in the Evening) the same day she was taken. [*Later note:*] She was taken in Burr Street.

[2] It died of St. Anthony's Fire, Apr. 11, 1723.

de S^t. George invested his young Son with the two Orders of the Garter and the Thistle, and afterwards made a very splendid Entertainment.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Jan. 28 (Mon.). M^r. James West of Balliol-Coll. hath a MS. of two or three Sheets, in Folio, relating to the Privileges of the Univ. of Oxford. It was D^r. Baron's. As I take it, it was drawn up when D^r. Maunder was V. Chancellour.

Menkenius, in the Leipsick Acts, says that he gave 9 Guineas for my Leland's Itin., & 3 Guineas for my Camden's Eliz.

[Notes from the above book omitted.]

Last Night died suddenly M^r. Adams, Manciple of Corpus X^ti Coll., at his House in S^t. Aldate's Parish. He hath a Son, M^r. Nich. Adams, a Clergy Man, who took his Master of Arts' Degree, July 10, 1708, with whom I went to School formerly at the Free School at Bray, near Windsor in Berks.[1]

Jan. 29 (Tu.). Out of a Letter from M^r. Baker of Cambridge, Jan. 24^th last:—

In turning my Papers, I likewise find we have another Copy of Hartman. Schedel, &c.[2], at Christ's Coll., given the College by Ferd. Pulton, with this Inscription before the Book:—

Ferdinando Pulton, Esq., admitted Scholar in his youth into Christ's Colledge in Cambridge, the last yeere of the Raigne of King Edward the sixt, continued there untill the last yeere of the Raigne of Queene Marie, & made Fellowe of the same Colledge one yeere before he departed thence,——in token of good will to the same House, did, upon the sixt daie of September, An. Domini 1617,——*bestowe this Booke uppon the Master & Fellowes of the foresaid Colledge, & their Successors, &c. By me, Ferdinando Pulton, of Borton, in the Countie & Parishe of Buckingham.*

If you have any acquaintance at Bras. Nose Coll., I should be glad to know whether this be reconcileable with their Register there, as cited by M^r. Wood, Ath. Ox., col. 362.

A Friend of mine hath searched the Register at Brasen Nose. The words in his Paper are:—

Nomina Admissorum in Coll. 1556. Junij 28°, Ferdinandus Pulton, Northampt. Reg. A. Coll. Æn. Nas., fol. 92.

The words in M^r. Wood are:—

Ferdinando Pulton, alias *Poulton* (Son of *Giles Pulton*, Esq., who died 1560), was born at *Deusborough* in *Northamptonshire*, became commoner of *Brasnose* coll.[3] in the beginning of Q. *Mary's* Reign, laid there a foundation of Academical literature, which he found useful to him afterwards, when he grew eminent in the common Law. But leaving that house before he took a degree, he went to *Lincoln's* Inn, studied the said Law, took the usual degrees, and became eminent for the knowledge in, and practice of, it,

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[1] He was buried at St. Aldate's, on Friday Night following.
[2] He means Hartman Schedel's Chronicle.
[3] Reg. 1 Coll. Ænean., fol. 92 a.

not only in *London* but the usual place of his residence in the country, *viz.* at *Borton*, in the Parish and County of *Buckingham.*——He departed this Life on the 20 *January*, in sixteen hundred and seventeen, aged 82, and was buried in the Chancel of the Church of *Deusborough* before-mention'd, &c.

I know not how to reconcile this with Mr. Baker's Note, unless there were two Ferdinando Pultons, & he of Cambridge was not the famous Law Writer [1].

This Morning, about four of the Clock, died Charles Holt, Doct. of Civ. Law, and Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon. He died in the College, and was Son of the late Sir Charles Holt. He was a Man of good Sense, & could compose well. He was one of our Head Proctors a few Years since. He died in the 37th Year of his Age [2].

[Note from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me last Night that he heard Humph. Wanley say he gave Dr. Charlett about twenty Pounds' worth of Coyns. Dr. Charlett had a Cabinet of Coyns, but would never shew them [3] me, nor some others. Some us'd to think Humph. Wanley had got them (at least, many of them) from the Publick Library.

[Extracts from the above book omitted.]

Jan. 30 (Wed.). This Afternoon, at four Clock, was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East the Widow Brazier, an old Woman (that died on Mond. last), Mother to Mr. Brazier, a Glover, one of the City of Oxford Bayliffes last Year. She was upwards of fourscore.

[Note from the above book omitted.]

Feb. 1 (Fri.). Yesterday I happened to look into Mr. Wise's Ed. of Asser Men. It was done at the Suggestion of Dr. Charlett, purely out of opposition to me. There is a Picture of K. Ælfred at the Beginning from one in the Master of Univ. College's Lodgings, but nothing near so good as that I gave at the beginning of Spelman's Life of Ælfred, tho' this be design'd against it, & I believe was the chief Motive that incited Charlett to put Wise upon the Ed., Charlett haveing for some time got Spelman suppress'd, because he was not pleas'd with King Ælfred's Beard.

Mr. Wise says I assur'd him I had seen Brian Twyne's Account in Corpus Xti Coll. Library of the Discourse he had with Mr. Camden about a dubious Clause in Asser. This is a down right Lye. I never assur'd him any such Thing. For, indeed, I never did see it. But both in my Ductor Historicus, & in my Notes to Spelman, I say 'tis to be seen (not that I had seen it) there. His account & Defence of that dubious Passage is such as would make one give it up, were not more to be said

[1] He of Cambridge was the famous Law-Writer. Mr. Wood seems mistaken in many Things abt him. See the Inscription at large below, Feb. 9.

[2] He was buried in the College Chapell very handsomely, on Friday Night, 3 quarters of an hour after nine Clock, following, the great Bell tolling from seven all the time in a dolefull manner, the Clapper being ty'd, & striking, as it were, every minute, wch manner of tolling was first us'd here at the Funeral of Dr. Fayrer.

[3] [MS. 'him.']

for it. Indeed, his Ed. is nothing near so good as Archbp Parker's. He commends Bowles, the Librarian, in his Preface. He calls Dr. Hall's Ed. of Leland de Scriptorib. *Editionem accuratam*, notwithstanding the many gross Omissions & Errors in it.

Yesterday was baptiz'd the Daughter of Mr. John Shephard (mentioned above, Jan. 8th), & was named Mary.

Feb. 2 (Sat., The Purification B.V.M.). I find, by a priz'd Catalogue of Books sold by Auction at London in 1703, that Mr. Thomas Rawlinson then bought Weever's Fun. Monumts for 6s. 4d.; that Speed's Hist., large Paper, pr. 1611, was sold for 1 lib.; his Maps (1627) for 10s.; Hollingshed's Chron., 2 Vols., large Paper (the Ed. not specifyed), for 1l. 5s. 6[d.] (being sold to Mr. Chiswell); Hall's Chronicle (1550) to Dr. Salmon for 16s. 6d.; Grafton's Chron. (1568) to Mr. Seller for 6s.; Caxton's Chron. (15—) for 3s. 6d.; Polychronicon by Higden (1527) to Dr. Salmon for 13s.; Froysart's Chron. to Dan. Brown (being printed 1525) for 1l. 4s. 6d.; Stow's Chron. (1631) to Mr. Bulfinch for 6s. 2d.; Barnes's Edw. 3d to the same for 10s.; Fox's Acts & Monumts to the same for 11s.; Camden's Eliz., English (1675), to Mr. Swinfen for 6s.; Wilson's History of K. James I to Mr. Brathwait for 3s. 8d. (the said Mr. Brathwait bought several Books in this Auction; I suppose him to be the same that was Warden of New College); Heath's Chron. for 5s.; Lloyd's Memoirs of Lives (fol.) for 6s. 2d.; Fuller's Ch. Hist. to Mr. Bulfinch for 18s. 6d.; Parival's Iron Age to the same for 2s. 10d.; another of the same (2d Ed., much enlarg.) sold to Mr. Addy for 3s.; Wright's Antiq. of Rutl. for 4s. 6d.; Fuller's Worthies for 18s.

Mich. Burghers told me to-day that he is 71 Years of Age.

Feb. 3 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal for Saturd., Febr. 2d, 1723, viz. Yesterday:—

Sherborn, Dorsetshire,
Jan. 19, 1723.

Mr. *Mist*,

On Thursday, as four labouring Men were digging in the Common-Field of the Parish of Corton in Somersetshire, 2 Miles from this Town, in order to make a new Enclosure, one of them struck his Spade into a *Roman* URN, wherein were nothing else but *Roman* Coins, near to the Quantity of two Quarts. They are Coins chiefly of *Valerian*, *Gallienus*, *Aurelian*, *Tacitus*, *Florianus*, and *Probus*, of none later than these, but a great many of the Emperors before them. The most part of them are very fair and plain; there is but one among them that is much larger than the rest, and that is as broad as a Half Crown, but three times as thick; on one side is the Head of *Faustina*, the Wife, as I suppose, of *Antoninus Pius*, to whom the Senate decreed Divine Honours, not for her own sake (for she was a very bad Woman), but out of Love to her Husband, the Emperor, who was a Prince of admirable Virtues, and beloved accordingly. All these

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Feb. 2, [172⅔]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 17). Does not know of any one who understands Saxon, or would have had the Preface compared. [See extract from this letter, Diary, Feb. 9.] 'Dr. Middleton's Book was publisht this day. He sends one Copy for you; only two besides, that I know of, viz. for Dr. Stratford & Mr. Bowles.'

are in the Hands of the Reverend Mr. Thomas Naish, Rector of the said Parish, and Subdean of Sarum, who knows how to value them.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Dr. Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall, having given orders that Evening Prayers should be in the said Hall at 5 Clock, accordingly they began to be at that time this Afternoon. Before, they were at nine Clock, Dr. Mill having introduced that Custom of nine Clock Prayers on purpose to see People within, tho' before they were between 5 & 6. By the Statutes, on Workdays they ought to be between 5 & 6 Clock in the Morning, & betw. 8 & 9 in the Evening. On Sundays & Holidays they ought to be at the Parish Church.

Feb. 4 (Mon.). Out of Mist's Journal of Saturday last :—

One Anne Bristowe, of Oakingham in the County of Berks., was, on the Night between the 22d and 23d Days of January last, robbed, ravished, and murdered, in a most inhuman and barbarous manner, on Smallbury-Green, near Isleworth, and there being sufficient Grounds to believe that George Smith, James Simkin, Samuel Loyd, and Joseph Buckingham, Watermen of Isleworth, were principal Actors in these villainous Facts, who are all since fled from Justice, his Majesty is graciously pleas'd, over and above the Reward which they may be entituled to by Law, to promise a Reward of 50 l. for discovering and apprehending any of the said Persons, so that he or they may be brought to Justice. Two other Persons are committed to Newgate on suspicion of being concerned in the same horrid Fact[1].

Yesterday Morning, about half hour after two Clock, died suddenly Mrs. Jones, Wife of Mr. Jones in New Inn Hall Lane, Oxon., wch Mr. Jones is Brother in Law to the late Dr. Wm Lloyd, Bp of Worcester, the Bp's Lady being Jones's Sister, and this Jones is Brother to the late Mr. Henry Jones, Rector of Sunningwell, near Abbington in Berks.

Feb. 5 (Tu.). Above a Week since died of the Small Pox at London, at one of the Inns of Court, Mr. Potter, late of Queen's Coll., who had a Bastard, while of that Coll. (at least, she laid it to him), by a Bedmaker

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Feb. 4, 172⅔. G. Knowles to H. (Rawl. 7. 136). Has just sent two copies of his Materia Medica, handsomely bound: the binding comes to 6*s*.

Feb. 5, 172⅔. W. Lewis to H. (Rawl. 7. 174). Received parcel, and will remit money soon. 'I was informed that Mr. Knowles was Seen in a Bookseller's Shop, and that he was directing a parcell for you. I Suppose it was ye two books of his Materia Medica, &c. Now I must beg the favor that you will lett him know that you have already ordered them from me, and that you have paid me for the same. The reason is this. A Gentleman of his and my acquaintance advanc'd the money to pay for the paper and printing his book, which mounted to 70 odd pounds. He has taken no care to reinburse his friend, but getts up all the money he can, and squanders it away, so that I am forc'd to assist the Gentleman; when he is paid, I will deliver up all the remaining copies into his hands, so that he may dispose of them as he thinks fitting.'

Feb. 5, 172⅔. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 73). Has met with much

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[1] See below, Febr. 11 & 24.

of the Coll., who now lives at Stanton S^t^. John's, she being married to an old Man before she was delivered.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Feb. 8 (Fri.). M^r^. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me Yesterday that D^r^. Zouche writ a Book, now in MS. (but he did not tell me where), about the Privileges of the University of Oxford.

[More notes from the same book omitted.]

Feb. 9 (Sat.). Out of a Letter from M^r^. Baker of Cambr., dated the 2^d^ instant:—

I am to thank you for the favor of your 2^d^ Letter. Having the Inscription by me, I shall send it you at large, that you & your Friend of Bras. Coll. may make your own judgment upon it:—

'*Ferdinando Pulton, Esquier, admitted Scholar in his youth into Christ's Colledge in Cambridge, the last yeere of the Raigne of King Edward the Sixt, continued there untill the last yeere of the Raigne of Queene Marie, & made Fellowe of the same Colledge one yeere before he departed thence. Became afterwards a paynfull Student & Professor of the Common & Statute Lawes of this Realme (as maye appeare by several Bookes or Workes by him composed & published in print, tending to the Knowledge & divulging of the same Lawes), even untill his age of fourscore yeeres & upward: For the love & affection which he did beare to the said Colledge, his nurse & Schoolmistris, & in token of good will to the same House, did, upon the sixt daie of September, Anno Domini* 1617, *& anno Regni Regis Jacobi* 15, *bestowe this Booke uppon the Master and Fellowes of the foresaid Colledge & their Successors, too meane a guifte for so worthie & well deserveing a place, intended nevertheles to have been much greater, had it not been extenuated by the charges & expenses of his travell & labors in the workes aforesaid, willinglie bestowed uppon the Professors of the same studie, for the benefitt of his Countrie & Commonwelth thereof.* By me

Ferdinando Pulton, of Borton, in the Countie & Parishe of Buckingham.'

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difficulty in procuring a MS. of Robert of Gloucester, but, by the assistance of Mr. Bridges, is assured of one from the Heralds' Office, which will be sent in a week or two.

Feb. 6, 172⅔. H. to B. L. Calvert (Diaries, 95. 129). If B. L. C. knows Steyning in Sussex, would be glad to know 'whether the Soil be not of a rough, stony nature, as the Name seems to import.' It was a place of note in the time of the Saxons: may perhaps mention it in Heming.

Feb. 7, 172⅔. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 95. 131). Glad of so near a prospect of having a MS. of Robert of Gloucester. The copy in the Heralds' Office may be as good as any, if not better: will therefore concern himself with no other. It would be a satisfaction to know how late Sir Roger Mostyn's reaches.

Feb. 9, 172⅔. H. to W. Lewis (Rawl. 39. 114). Sorry Mr. Knowles causes so much needless trouble and expense. Sends extract from his letter of the 4th instant. Pays £1 13*s*., which leaves £3 15*s*. to be returned by W. L.

Feb. 9, 172⅔. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 136). Account of money received. 'B^p^ Nicolson, in p. 71 (Ed. fol.) of his Historical Library, tells

The Subscription is in a different hand, &, I presume, his own.

'Nov. 23, 1552. Ferdi. Pulton, Coll. Chr., admissus in Album sive Matriculam Acad. Cant.'

'An. 1555,6, conceditur Ferdinando Pulton ut 12 Termini in quibus Lectiones Ordinarias audivit, licet non omnino secundum formam Statuti, cum Oppositionibus et Respons. requisitis, sufficiant ei pro completis gradu et forma Bac. in Artibus, sic quod examinetur et approbetur, convivetur, et cætera peragat, juxta formam Statuti, quoniam Determinationem finalem sine maximo suo dispendio expectare non potest.'—Reg. Acad.

'Pulton actu Bac. ante determinationem.'—Regr. Acad.

This great dispatch was, I presume, in order to his being elected Fellow, for in a Catalogue of their Fellows I find Ferd. Pulton electus Socius an. 1555, that is, I suppose, in Jan., Febr., or March, 1555,6.

So far Mr. Baker, whence I think 'tis plain that he was one of the Cambridge Writers, & ought not, therefore, to have been rang'd by Ant. à Wood among the Oxford ones, where he only resided a little while, & entered himself of Brasen Nose Coll., tho' at the same time he was actually a Member of the Univ. of Cambridge.

Feb. 10 (Sun.). Dr. Lamphire was a Man of so good a Temper that nothing could make him angry. Which made Dr. Smith much admire him, and they were very great together. This Dr. Lamphire was a Man of a most generous Temper.

This Afternoon, at five Clock, the great Bell at Magd. Coll. rung for the Revd Mr. Thomas Collins, B.D. & Head School-Master of Magd. Coll., who died to-day abt 12 Clock. He took the Degree of Master of Arts, July 2d, 1667, being then of Gloucest. Hall (now Worcester College). He was a most excellent Scholar & Preacher, of great Wit, and a most facetious Companion, &, indeed, of so great Worth that I look upon it (and so I used to tell him, for I was very well acquainted with him) as a great Shame & Reproach to those that have the Disposal of the rich Places, that they did not prefer him. Indeed, he was Prebendary of Litchfield, being made so by Bp Hough; but that was a poor thing, & the Bp (who is now Bp of Worcester) should have given what was much better, especially since he was so able, & pretended to be so great a Friend to Mr. Collins, who seem'd to resent it very much (as I found by discoursing with him about six Weeks since) that the Bp should give good Parsonages to young Men, & have no regard to Seniors. Mr. Collins would have been content with a Parsonage, & I have heard him say that he desired to be buried, not in Oxford, but in his own Parish Church, thereby insinuating that he was desirous of a Living[1].

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us that *Edwd Hall's Chronicle is dedicated, in a very flattering Epistle, to K. Henry VIII.* Pray, did you ever meet with a Copy with such a Dedication? 'Tis dedicated to Edwd VI in the copies I have seen, & the Epistle is far from being flattering.'

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[1] He was buried on Friday (Febr. 15), at four Clock in the Afternoon (at the time of the College Prayers), in the College Chapell. The Speech was made by Mr. Jenner, one of his Trustees, Mr. Lydal being the other, both Fellows of the College. Mr. Collins's Sister and her Son and Grandson came to Town upon this occasion from the Place of their Habitation somewhere about Bristoll.

Feb. 11 (Mon.). On Tuesday Morning last, George Smith and Joseph Buckingham, two of the four barbarous Watermen of Isleworth that stand charged with robbing, ravishing, and murthering Anne Bristow, of Okingham, on Smallbury-Green, were apprehended at Gravesend by Mr. Peck, High-Constable, at the Angel-Inn in the said Town, on board a Holland Trader, having enter'd themselves Passengers to go beyond Sea; they are since committed to Newgate. On Wednesday last, — Simkin, another of the said Watermen, who had been taken at Purfleet in Essex by an Officer and a Waterman belonging to the Custom-house, and another Person, and thereupon was brought up to London, and being carried before Sir John Frier, was by him committed to Newgate.

Feb. 12 (Tu.). I was well assur'd on Saturday last that Dr. George Carter Provost of Oriel College's Father hang'd himself. This Dr. George Carter, who is look'd upon as a downright cunning K[nave], hath, besides the Provostship, a Parsonage of about five hundred Pounds per an. in Kent. Then he is also Prebendary of St. Paul's, given him, at the Intercession of Mr. Richard Dyer of Oriel Coll., by the present Bp of London, Prebendary of Rochester (this being annex'd to the Provostship), & Prebendary of Peterborough.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

Feb. 13 (Wed.). Out of Mist's Journal for Saturday last:—

The Lord Tenham (who has been some time a Convert from the Romish Church) is appointed one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Bedchamber, in the Room of the Earl of Bute, lately deceased.

I have been well assur'd (viz. by Mr. Dyer of Oriel College) that Dr. Plot writ his Book de Origine Fontium in English, and that it was translated for him into Latin by Xtoph. Wase, the Beadle.

The first Catalogue of Books sold by Auction was the Library of Dr. Seaman; the second was that of the Revd Mr. Thomas Kidner, A.M., Rector of Hitchin in Hartfordshire, beginning Febr. 6, 167⅞.

[Note from the above book omitted.]

Feb. 14 (Th.). Mr. Fletcher Gyles, in a Letter of the 12th inst., tells me he is going to print the castrated sheets of Hollinshed's Chronicle, & should be glad [if] I would be so kind to correct the Sheets, which he will take care shall be sent me post free, & is willing to give me any consideration I shall desire for my trouble. He says they are 44 or 45 sheets in number. So Mr. Gyles. But I believe he does not rightly understand the Matter. Be that as it will, I decline his Proposal. Simon Perrot, who lies buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon., had 9 Sons & 10 Daughters, all figured in the Monumt in the Wall of the North side of the Church. She died before him in Child bed. The

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Feb. 14, 172⅔. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 17). Has inquired about the soil at Steyning. The place is seated at the bottom of a hill, 'in a very rough, stony Soil, ye Stones large & numerous, & thereby the Roads very uneasy for Carriages.'

Epitaph is in one of the preceding Vols. His & her Figure are also on the Monumt.

I met Mr. Lydal of Magd. Coll. to-day, who & Mr. Jenner are Trustees to Mr. Collins. He told me Mr. Collins had left me a MS. of Edwyn Sandys, wch I should have. This Mr. Collins told me of in his Life time, as he did also of another MS. he design'd me, wch Mr. Lydal said nothing of.

Feb. 15 (Fri.). Among Sr Wm Dugdale's MSS. in the Ashmolean Muséum is one, in folio, of Paper (MS. Cat. 6527. 39), containing Collections of great moment from many Registers & Records, by some very considerable Antiquary, in the Years 1583, 1584, in fol. 113 of wch are Extracts from Heming's Chartulary of the Church of Worcester that I am now printing, wch Register belong'd then to the Alderfords. Thus the Extracter: 1584. *Ex Registro Wigorniensis Ecclesiæ antiquissimo sane et fidedignissimo observationum antiquarum et memorabilium quamplurimarum referto, reservato penes Johannem Alderford, Dominum de Abbotz Salford in Com. Warr.* This Book came to Sir Thomas Fairfax before Dugdale had it. For thus in the first Page: *Fairfax*, 1657, *empt. Ebor.* The Book is all writ in the same hand, for the most part.

[Notes and extracts from this MS. omitted.]

Feb. 16 (Sat.). Yesterday I walk'd to Sandford, near Oxford, on purpose to examin the Draughts I have had taken of the old Manour House there, of the Chapell on the South side of it, & of the Buildings on the North side. I met with Mr. Powell there, whose Brother, Mr. Charles Powell, was there very lately, as he told me. The said Mr. Charles Powell is older than Mr. Powell of Sandford. This Mr. Charles Powell is a very learned Man, & a great Mathematician. He hath a Discourse in Hugo de Omerique's Analysis Geometrica. Mr. Powell shew'd me that Book, being intitled, Analysis Geometrica, sive nova et vera Methodus resolvendi tam Problemata Geometrica, quam Arithmeticas Quæstiones. Authore D. Antonio Hugone de Omerique, Sanlucarense; Gadibus, typis Christophori de Requena, 1698, 4°, in 440 Pages. Price abt six shillings. The Discourse (in that Book) written by Mr. Charles Powell is at pag. 49. 'Tis thus intitled: *R. P. Caroli Powell, Societatis Jesu, in Collegio ejusdem Societatis Gadibus Regij Professoris Mathematicæ, Algorismus Rationum.* It consists of 18 Pages.

Mr. Powell of Sandford told me that Mary Hunt, a Roman Catholick, lyes buried in Sandford Church, aged an hundred Years, within a Year and an half. She died since the Restauration at Mr. Powell's Aunt Betham's House at Sandford. This Mrs. Hunt us'd to mention one Mr. Knapier (of the Family of the Knapiers of Holywell in Oxford) that was hang'd & quarter'd in Queen Elizabeth's time, & one of his Quarters being put up upon some Place in the City of Oxford, under it there sprang a Fountain, which so vex'd several of the principal Men of the City that they took it down, and threw it into the Thames. A Miller at Sandford one Morning seeing it, acquainted Mr. Powell's Great Grandfather with it, who had it taken up and buried in the Chapell (now a Barn) on the South side of Sandford old Manour House.

Mr. Powell told me he went to School at Great Marlow three Years, to a Master whose Name was Farmer, a Roman Catholick, who was almost an hundred Years old when he died.

Over the Gate leading, on the North side, to the Manour House of Sandford is this Date, 1614. In the Wall on this side the North Part of the Manour House is this Cross [rough sketch omitted]. In the same Wall is a Nun, but much damag'd [rough sketch omitted].

The Knts Templers were seised in K. Edw. IId's Reign, and their Goods and Revenues confiscated, tho' they were not appropriated to any Secular Use, but settled on the Knights Hospitalers by Act of Parliament, 17 Edw. II.

A Prome, Prone, or short Sermon, a word much used by Roman Catholicks.

The Tract about Logarithms in the Philosophical Transactions, with Mr. Long of Corpus Xti College's Name, I have formerly insinuated was written by Mr. John Caswell, many of whose Papers Mr. Long got after his Death. But Mr. Powell of Sandford yesterday assured me that his Brother, Mr. Charles Powell, was the Author, it being writ by way of Letter to Mr. Long, who transcrib'd it out of the Letter.

Mr. Powell told me that his said Brother wondered how Mr. Denison could pretend to justify his Proceedings, or assume to himself the Title of Master of University Coll., wch I took the more notice of, because he understands the Methods of Elections abroad.

Feb. 17 (Sun.). There have been many fine Fish Ponds at the old Manour House of Sandford. There is one very large one now on the East Side of it, the Bottom of which is Moorish, & hath some Water. There is a good Orchard on the East Side of the House, wch was such in the time of the Kts Hospitallers, but the present Apple Trees are later. There is a very old Holy-Tree in it, the oldest, I think, I ever saw. Mr. Powell told me there was formerly (in his Father's time) a Bench round it, and that here in somer time his Great Grand Father us'd to entertain his Friends.

About a Month or six Weeks since was put up in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon., a very handsome Branch for Lights. And much about the same time were renewed the Images of St. Peter and St. Paul over the Porch Door of the same Church. And yesterday I saw the Workmen making a Door way from Queen's College Lane up to St. Peter's Church Tower, a very good Thing, there being no Entrance before without going into the Church.

Feb. 18 (Mon.). On Monday, the 11th inst., died suddenly Mr. Edmund Bridges, of the Six Clerks' Office, Brother to Mr. Serjeant

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Feb. 18, 172⅔. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 15. 46). Received H.'s of Dec. 21, with an Oxford Almanac, 'for which I return you many Thanks, and had not been soe long before I answer'd it, but that it hath pleased God to visitt me with one of the Greatest Afflictions that could have befallen me in this world, the Loss of the nearest and dearest Relation, who has left me the Father of 6 poor motherless Children. She had been delivered on New-

Bridges. He had been in that Office above 20 Years, and died vastly rich.

Capt. Rich, Brother to Sir Robert Rich, Bart, is by the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Agent Victualler at Chatham, in the Room of Mr. Patridge, deceased.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle*, &c., omitted.]

Feb. 20 (Wed.). On the 1st of January last was brought to bed the Wife of my excellent Friend, Richard Graves, of Mickleton, near Campden in Gloucestershire, Esq., but she dyed on the 30th of the same Month following, and was buried on Candlemass day, leaving him the Father of six Motherless Children.

Feb. 21 (Th.). Ant. à Wood hath no Account of Edw. Halle, that writ the Chronicle, in his Athenæ Oxon., but in the spurious Ed. of these Athenæ there is an Account of him, & there are two Editions of that Chronicle there mentioned, one in 1548, the other in 1550. I have this Chronicle, & it bears the latter date. Bp Nicholson, in the fol. Ed. of his Engl. Historical Library, gives a poor, paultry, false Account of this Chronicle, & makes it to be dedicated, in a very flattering Epistle, to K. Hen. VIII, but all the Copies (wch, indeed, are but three) I have yet seen are dedicâted to Edw. VI, & the Dedication is far from being flattering. The Materials of this Chron. are excellent, & the style masculine. One would think Bp Nicholson had never seen the Book, at least not read it.

[Notes from this book omitted.]

Feb. 22 (Fri.). There dyed lately the Revd Mr. Edmund Staples, M.A., and Rector of Shottesbrooke in Berks., in wch Church he is buried.

Year's-Day, dyed on the 30th of January, and was buried on Candlemas-Day.' Received the draft of King Edgar's statue, and sent it to London to be engraved. Will send it to Oxford on Saturday. When must subscribers' names be sent in?

Feb. 19, 172⅔. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 18). Account of three copies of Hall's Chronicle. 'Your book, with the rest for Dr. Middleton's Friends at Oxford, was sent up by Mr. Crownfield, our Printer, to Mr. Knapton at London (with a good part of the Impression to be expos'd to sale), but Mr. C. has since receiv'd a Letter from Mr. K., signifying that there is an expression in the Preface so offensive that he dare not publish the Book, unless that expression be alter'd. I can not find the Dr. is inclinable to make any alteration, but is rather willing to take the whole Impression upon himself, & then (whenever it is published) you may be assured of a Copy.' Death of Dr. Fisher. [See Diary, Feb. 22.] [PS.] 'What I have wrote concerning Dr. Middleton's Case is said in confidence; you need say nothing of it till you hear what turn that affair will take. The Passage that gives offence is, I presume, concerning our Privileges, & the vicechan.'s (to whom the Book is dedicated) courage in defending them.'

Feb. 22, 172⅔. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 114). Asks H. to enter the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn among subscribers for Heming. The Saxon charters in Ld. Somers' collection are printed in Dr. Smith's Appendix to the last ed. of Bede, and relate to the Church of Worcester. Has procured

He generally lived at Maidenhead, where he was born, being related to my late best Friend, Francis Cherry, of Shottesbrooke, Esq.

On Monday last (Febr. 18) died Dr. Fisher, Master of Sidney College, Cambr. Who will succeed him, my Friend, Mr. Baker, cannot say. But Mr. Craven, the Sen. Fellow, as he had the Offer when Dr. Fisher was chosen, so will probably have the same Offer again: & yet, being a modest man, not ambitious of honor, & now advanc't in years, he will probably refuse it.

Feb. 23 (Sat.). Dr. Felton, having altered the Hours of Prayers in Edm. Hall, proceeds to make other Alterations, and, among other Things, he hath altered the Hour of Dinner from eleven to twelve a Clock, Yesterday being the first day that they began to dine at twelve.

On the 4th inst. (being Mond.), one Norraway of Littlemore, an old Man, near 70 I am told, cut his Throat, & died on Wednesday, Febr. 13, & was buried at Iffley, Febr. 14. The occasion is owing to his Wife. For this Norraway, having an Estate of about 16 Pounds per an., and the Heir to it being his Son, wch he had by a former Wife, this second Wife of his (who hath about six Pounds per an. of her own) had a mind to hinder its coming to the Son, & accordingly, getting her Husband drunk, he sign'd a Paper giving it away, wch when he came to consider at his being sober, it troubled him so that he laid hands upon himself. He had near an hundred Pounds by him when he died. It was done in his Wive's Absence.

[Notes from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

This Day, in a Convocation at two Clock, Sir Walter Baggot, of Magd. Coll., Bart, had the Degree of Master of Arts conferr'd upon him.

Dr. Robt Freind, Rector of Witney, & Head Schoolmaster of Westminster, gives about 7 or 8 libs. per an. to a Master that teaches poor Boys at Witney.

Feb. 24 (Sat.). On Saturd., the 16th inst., Mr. Cotton, Sen., was try'd at the King's Bench-Bar, for saying the Picture of the Chevalier de St. George's Consort was the Picture of the Queen of England. The chief Evidence against him was Mr. Spear, one of the Messengers. The Jury brought the Defendant in *Not guilty*.

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a copy of Robert of Gloucester from the Heralds' Office, which he has compared with the Cotton MS., &c. As soon as Dr. Mead can obtain the latter, will send down the former with it.

Feb. 23, 172⅔. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 15. 47). Received H.'s, and was glad to find the plate would be in time. Has accordingly sent it: hopes H. will like it. 'If you please, you may mention it being communicated to you by me, but not that I was at the Charge of it; and I think it would not be amiss, if you would take notice that the Draught was very exactly taken by the Direction and Care of the Revd Mr. Willm Thomas, Rector of Exhall in Warwickshire, who it is wish'd for by all Lovers of Antiquity that he would undertake the History of that most Antient Church, &c., and who for these 2 or 3 years past has labour'd in the preparing of a new Edition of Sr Wm Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwickshire, &c., which is now in the Press, &c.'

Mist's Journal for yesterday[1]:—

The four Watermen of Isleworth that are charged with ravishing, robbing, and murthering Anne Bristow of Oakingham, on Smallbury-Green, as formerly mentioned, are now all taken; George Smith and Joseph Buckingham being taken at Gravesend, on board a Sloop bound for Holland, and committed to Maidstone Goal; James Simkin, taken at Purfleet in Essex, being carried before Sir John Fryer, K^t and Alderman, was by him committed to Newgate; and on Sunday last Samuel Lloyd, being taken at a House in Hart-Street, Covent-Garden, and carryed before Justice Vaughan, was likewise committed to the said Goal of Newgate, whither he was carryed on Monday Morning.

Transcript of a Paper shew'd me last Night by M^r. George Booth of X^t Church:—

In urbe Bathoniensi erat Fabricensium Legionis xx^æ Collegium. Fabricæ duplices machinarum bellicarum et Armorum.

Julius in militia Legionaria, non auxiliaria quod stipendia meruisset, licet juvenili ætate stipendia meruisset.

Cippus ad Cœnobij Bathoniæ Prætoris urbani cura conspiciendus [*sic*], in longitudine pedes septem uncias duas, in latitudine pedes tres, excepta uncia, patet, Epitaphium habens quod ære incisum et Tabula pīī [?] impressum productis vocibus ita legi mereatur:—

Julius Vitalis, Fabricensis Legionis Vicesimæ Valerianæ Victricis Stipendiorum novem Annorum viginti novem, natione Belga, ex Collegio Fabricensium elatus, Hic situs est. Vid. Sertor. Vrsat. de Not. Roman.

[Inscription in capital letters omitted.]

Altare patris et filij Longinorum, qui sub Constantio meruerunt in Brittania, cum numismate ei subjecto, luculenter ostendit hanc Legionem imperantibus Diocletiano et Maximiano in Britannia fuisse. Luce clarius meridiana patet à Longinis hoc Altare fuisse positum, ut ij Carausio dudum, forsan etiam Allecto nimis addicti, sed à Constantio nuper redacti, jam apud Diocletianum et Maximilianum [*sic*], quos hic dominos appellant invictissimos, Augustos gratiam inirent, atque hac de causa pro eorum salute loci Genio fuisse positum. Sub Altari, qui ejus ætatem indicat, nummus erat (Romanorum more quibus solenne dictum est ædificiorum et monumentorum fundamentis eum injicere) repertus, cujus altero latere cum facie Constantij dimidiata: FL. VAL. CONSTANTIVS NOB. C. Altero vero: GENIO POPVLI ROMANI, Cum genij, dextra Pateram, sinistra Cornucopiam tenentis, imagine.

Carausius, ignobilis iste Menapiensis à Maximiniano [*sic*] Imp. propter inique facta jussus occidi, Purpurium usurpavit, Britanniam occupavit, septennium tenuit. Legionem hanc xx^am à partibus stetisse Carausianis nummus ostendit æreus Aquis Solis inventus. Facies habet altera Caput Carausij Imp., corona radiata cinctum. Altera, Pax Aug., cum Pacis imagine, Fulmen dextra, hastam sinistra comprehendente, cui à lateribus B. E. significant Britannicum exercitum; sub pedibus MIXX, militem vicesimana, vel si legatur MLXX, milites legionis vicesimæ.

[1] See above, Febr. 4 & Febr. 11.

Feb. 25 (Mon.). On Saturday, the 16th inst., Dr. Hunt, Master of Balliol College, was married to a natural Daughter (begotten on one Mrs. Herbert) of the late Duke of Buckingham's, & he brought her home Saturday Night last (Febr. 23), upon wch occasion many Bells rang in Oxford.

Feb. 26 (Tu.). There was a Meeting Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at Univ. Coll., of the Vice-Chanc., &c., & I am told that Mr. Cockman's Electors have time given them to the 7th of next Month, to consider whether they will acknowledge Mr. Denison Head or not. So Mr. Nevile told me, adding that they are resolv'd to stand firm, their Course being so good.

[Note from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

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Feb. 27 (Ashwed.). It hath been an old Custom in Oxford for the Scholars of all Houses, on Shrovetuesday, to go to dinner at 10 Clock (at wch time the little Bell call'd Pan-cake Bell rings, or, at least, should ring, at St. Marie's) and [to Supper] at four in the Afternoon, and it was always follow'd in Edmund Hall as long as I have been in Oxford, 'till Yesterday, when they went to dinner at 12 and Supper at six, nor were there any Fritters at Dinner, as there us'd always to be. When laudable old Customs alter, 'tis a Sign Learning dwindles.

[Extract from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

This Afternoon, at one Clock, Magd. Coll. great Bell went for Dr. Thomas Stafford, Fellow of the College, who died this Morning in the College, after a few days' Illness. He took his Master of Arts' Degree, Febr. 5, 1666, and that of Bach. & Dr. of Civil Law, June 13, 1678. He was a Man that lov'd to get Money, but was, however, very kind to his poor Relations. There is this Story going of him, that some of the College talking once of doing something by way of Benevolence or Generosity, upon some publick Account, & he asking for what reason, it was answered, *to do good to Posterity*. *Posterity*, says the Dr., *What good will Posterity do for us?*

Feb. 28 (Th.). Yesterday, going by University College, I saw

Feb. 26, 172⅔. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 95. 170). Thought of printing Robert of Gloucester many years ago: is glad to have the opportunity of now doing so. When the MS. comes, will set to work in good earnest. J. B.'s offer to collate it with the copy in the Cotton Library will deserve acknowledgement. Afraid Dr. Mead meets with difficulty in procuring another copy. Thanks for hint about Ld. Somers' Saxon charters.

a Citation[1] fix'd up at the Chapell Door (being put up on Tuesd. last), but I did not go into the Quadrangle to read it.

Ant. à Wood, when he us'd to go out, as he was a tall Man, went stooping, & he generally carryed his stick under his Arm, & seldom held it in his hand, a thing much taken notice of by those that knew him, who also observ'd that he went slow.

March 1 (Fri.). Mr. Peisley, of Oxford, Bookseller, hath bought Mr. Staples, late Rector of Shottesbrooke in Berks., his Books, among wch is Leland's Itinerary that I published, and is a wonderfull Rarity.

Mr. Browne of University Coll. preach'd the Latin Sermon at St. Marie's last Ashwednesday, and pray'd for Mr. Cockman as Master of Univ. College by Name.

The Revd Mr. Tho. Paris, Rector of Childrey, near Wantage in Berks., & formerly Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll., Oxon., died lately, & is succeeded in his Parsonage by the Reverend Mr. John Bruges, S.T.B. & Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll. Mr. Paris took the Degree of M.A., June 13, 1667, & that of B.D., March 15, 1675.

March 2 (Sat.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for electing a Curator of the Theater, in room of the famous Sir Christopher Wren, who died, in the 92d Year of his Age, on Monday last. Candidates were Dr. Shippen, our Vice-Chanc., & Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll. The Vice-Chanc. (who thought to have carried it) lost it by 31 Votes, he having but 65, & Dr. Butler 96.

March 3 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Stafford was buried, at 4 Clock in the Afternoon, in Magd. Coll. Chappel. He hath left a Benefaction to Magd. Coll., viz. an Estate, let now by lease at 50 libs. per an., but the Lease being almost expired, it will be worth, they say, quickly about 100 libs. per an. It is to augment the 10 Senior Demies' places.

On Friday Night was s'ennight the Princess of Wales, as she is call'd, was safely delivered of a Princess[2].

This day Sennight died at London Mrs. Chamberlayne, Neice to Judge Denton, of the Small-Pox. She had a Sister (a very great Beauty) died of the Consumption above a Year since. Both of them were unmarried. Their Mother (the Father being dead) lives at Wardington, near Banbury. Their Brother (the only Child, I think, living) is now Gentleman-Commoner of Edm. Hall, Oxon.

[Extract from Hall's *Chronicle* omitted.]

March 4 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal of Saturday last:—

On Monday last (Febr. 25) dyed Sir Christopher Wren, aged ninety two. He was near five Years ago removed from the Surveyorship General of the King's Works, which Post he had enjoy'd for above 50 Years, upon

[1] It is not a Citation, but an Injunction, or Monitory Decree, sign'd by abt seven, to command the Fellows that elected Mr. Cockman to submitt to and acknowledge Mr. Denison.

[2] 'Twas baptiz'd by the Name of Mary, on Sund., March 17, 1722.

Account of his known Abilities, notwithstanding the Changes in Ministry and Government, till the time abovementioned. He was justly esteemed a great Mathematician, and the best Architect of his time. When he was very young, he writ a little Tract concerning the Laws of Motion, at the very same time that Mr. Huygens and Dr. Wallis published theirs upon the same Subject; and these three great Men, without knowing anything of one another's Thoughts, agreed exactly in the same Propositions. He had the Fortune (which no Architect ever had before) to begin and finish so vast a work as St. Pavl's; he built all the Churches in London after the great Fire; these, with Chelsea Colledge, Hampton-Court, and the Theatre at Oxford, &c., will be perpetual *Monuments* of his Skill and Mastery in Building.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 5 (Tu.). I have been told that old Mr. Wm Smith, some years agoe Fellow of Univ. Coll., who understands the Affairs of that Coll. very well, having read their Statutes and old Monuments all carefully over, hath writt a Letter to Oxford, in wch he wonders that any one should put such a Construction as is done by Mr. Denison and his Party on the Words *Electio Canonica*, adding that he never heard before of such an Interpretation of them [1].

Mr. Henry Stevens, M.A., late Fellow of Magd. Coll., is made Head School Master of Magd. Coll. School, in room of Mr. Collins, deceas'd. This Gentleman is a benefic'd Clergyman, & is married to a Daughter of Mr. Gardner that liv'd in the Gravel Walk, near Magd. Coll.

A third Number of *Bibliotheca Litteraria* is come out, in wch Mr. Wasse of Aynoe stiles the present Ld Pembroke the greatest Medallist and the best Antiquary in the World. This Mr. Wasse is a craz'd Man.

March 6 (Wed.). On Friday last John Richardson the Boy Printer's Wife was brought to Bed of a Daughter.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

Mrs. Eliz. Rance was born in May, 1696. Mrs. Sydney Rance was born in April [2], 1699. Mrs. Jane Rance was born in May [3], 1705.

March 7 (Th.). This day preach'd at the Assizes at Oxford Mr. Newlin, late Fellow of Magd. Coll., who is married to a Sister of Mr. Powell, Apothecary in Cat Street, Oxon.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 8 (Fri.). Yesterday was a Meeting of the Vicech., &c., at Univ. Coll., at 3 Clock. I hear they have allow'd a longer time to Mr. Cockman's Friends. Mr. Cockman, the Master, came to the Coll. on Wednesday Night last, but I do not find that he took any Notice of the pretended Visitors.

There is one Thing remarkable, wch is, that at the Meeting on Mond., 25th of last Month, Dr. Heywood of St. John's Coll. was one of the Signers, wch struck, after the Meeting was up, so much upon his Conscience that he went home, writ a Letter of Retractation to the

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[1] Yet this Smith is altogether for Denison.

[2] April 23d, St. George's day.

[3] May 1st.

V. Chanc., declar'd his Abhorrence of the Thing, & said he would always endeavour to make amends to those Gentlemen that he had so much injured.

[Extract from the same book omitted.]

March 9 (Sat.). One John Quainton, now an old Man, of Cumner, near Abbington in Berks., understands and loves to talk of old History. He hath an Estate there, and delights much in Sheep. He says he was formerly Chorister of New-College in Oxford.

[Extract from the same book omitted.]

March 10 (Sun.). Mr. Swete is high-Sheriff this Year for the County of Oxon., & gave very liberally to the Ringers this last Assize. He is a single Man, & vastly rich. He hath an Estate at Medley[1], where (viz. at Medley) he hath built a new House, wch shews him to be whimsical, the Place being drown'd often in Winter, & Medley[1] being only a Place of Pleasure to go thither by Boat in the Summer Season. He lives at the Cross Inn at Cairfax, having hired an Apartment of the Inn for that Intent. He got his Wealth, as 'tis said, chiefly by being Paymaster, under the Duke of Chandois, in the Army.

Mr. Baker of Cambr. could never meet with any Chronography, &c., of Hatcher, distinct from his Catalogue, wch is done by way of Annals. They have, indeed, a short Chronography concerning Cambr. at King's Coll., wch may have been Hatcher's, a very imperfect Thing, and most[ly] concerning their own College.

On the 25th of last Month, the Revd Mr. Craven, Senior Fellow of Sidney Coll., Cambr., was elected Master there, in room of Dr. Bardsey Fisher, deceased, & has (as I hear) accepted what he refused twenty Years agoe, when Dr. Fisher was chose.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 11 (Mon.). Yesterday Mr. Bowles of Oriel Coll. went into Holy Orders. This Person, who is Head Librarian of the Bodl. Library, and Fellow of Oriel-Coll., is grown very despicable, being deservedly look'd upon and esteem'd as a silly, illiterate Rascal, one that will strike in with any Thing, & betray the best Friend he hath in the World. He is, withall, lewd and vicious, and hath hardly his Fellow for Impudence.

From Mist's Journal of Saturday last:—

On Tuesday Evening last the Corpse of Sir Christopher Wren, the famous Architect, was deposited in the great Vault under the Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. The following Inscription is engraven on the Plate upon his Coffin: *Christopherus Wren, Eques Auratus, hujus Ecclesiæ Architectus, ob. Feb.* 25, *Anno Dom.* 1723, *Ætat.* 91.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 12 (Tu.). About 3 Clock to-day, in the Afternoon, being at the Printing House, I saw a Form of four Pages in fol., set, but not

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March 12, 172⅔. **H. to J. Murray** (Draft, Diaries, 96. 25. Original,

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[1] [Altered from 'Binsey.']

wrought off, & asking wt it was (tho' I saw it to be English), Mr. Brokeland, who, I suppose, compos'd it, said he could not tell, & so took the Case away. I ask'd him again; he reply'd, he did not know wt to make of it. Having set it against the Wall, I stoop'd down to try to read it. Upon wch he ran to it, & said it must not be known wt it was. 'Why,' said I, 'could not you have said so at first?'[1]

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 14 (Th.). On Sunday last Mr. Cockman read Prayers Morning & Evening, & the XXXIX Articles, as Master of University College, in the College Chapell, Mr. Denison (who had taken Possession of the Master's Seat before) being out of Town.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 16 (Sat.). There are two Editions of Edward Halle's Chronicle, one in 1548, the other in 1550, and both are dedicated to K. Edward the 6.

Rawl. 112. 138). Has J. M. ever met with a copy of Hall's Chronicle dedicated to Henry VIII?

March 12, 172⅔. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 83). 'Has just received Ld. Harley's MS. from Dr. Mead. Long account of it. [There is a long extract from this letter in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lxix.] A copy of the MS. from the College of Arms will be sent with it, directed to Mr. Wilmot. Among the Digby MSS. at the Bodleian is another copy, which goes further than the Harleian MS.

March 12, 172⅔. G. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 104). Many thanks for book with guinea enclosed. 'I continue extraordinary bad, finding no ease night nor day, neither am I capable of helping my Self in ye least Degree.' St. Anthony's fire was said to be the cause of Mr. Staples' death; he was buried, according to his desire, in the churchyard of Shottesbrooke, at the East end of the church. He is succeeded by Mr. Turkentine [Torkington], who was inducted by Mr. Brown on Saturday week. Mr. T. has also the promise of White Waltham after Mr. Griffyth, who is in a very weak condition. [This letter is not in George Hearne's handwriting.]

March 13, 172⅔. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 96. 27). Account of Mr. Bridges' letter of Feb. 22. Did not expect the Cotton MS., after he heard of R. M.'s difficulty in procuring it. Heming will not be finished before Easter.

March 14, 172⅔. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 30). Pleased to hear that he will receive Robert of Gloucester so soon. Mr. Wilmot has promised to take care of the box, and to charge H. nothing for carriage.

March 14, 172⅔. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 96. 29). Heard from Mr. Bridges that R. M. had procured Robert of Gloucester from Ld. Harley. Many thanks.

March 14, 172⅔. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 136). Was not in town when H.'s letter came. Knows of two editions only of Hall's Chronicle, both dedicated to Edward VI. Remarks on them. Wants notice a week or two before Heming is published.

March 15, 172⅔. H. to G. Harbin (Diaries, 96. 34). Has not had time to peruse G. H.'s collections from the Chartulary of Glastonbury so soon as he intended. Has now read them, and is ready to return them. Wants directions for sending them.

March 16, 172⅔. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 38). This afternoon Mr. Wilmot delivered the two MSS. of Robert of Gloucester. Found

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[1] NB. It was Dr. Newton's Account of Univ. Coll. Election.

The last page of the first Edition has K. Hen. the VIII sitting on a Throne, with his Counsel on each side of him, and at the Bottom, *God save the King*, wch, perhaps, is the reason that makes some (one of wch is Bp Nicholson) say that it is dedicated to H. VIII. They are both printed by Grafton. H. Wanley, in a Letter printed in a Pamphlett call'd *Bibliotheca Literaria*, makes the Book to be first printed in H. VIII's time.

[Extract from the same book omitted.]

From Mist's Journal for to-day:—

On Tuesday Evening Dr. John Friend, Member of Parliament for Launceston in Cornwall, was taken in Custody, as we hear, upon an Information, on Oath of two Witnesses, of High Treason, in remitting money abroad to the Chevalier de St. George, and on Wednesday Night he was committed Prisoner to the Tower.

[Extract from the same book omitted.]

March 17 (Sun.). Above a Week since the Lords heard a Cause between Dr. Bennet, Vicar of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, Appellant, and several Quakers, his Parishioners, Respondents. The Appellant, upon their refusing to pay his demands, had filed a Bill in the Court of Exchequer demanding the Tythes of their Houses, pursuant to an Act of Parliament of the 37th of Henry the VIII relating to the Payments of Tythes in London. To which the Respondents put in an Answer, insisting on certain customary Payments, also setting forth that an Augmentation would thereby be made of 3000 l. to the said Living, now 800 l. per Annum. Issue being joyn'd, and Witnesses being examined, &c., the Court directed an Issue to be try'd at Common Law, in order to find out what hath been accustomably paid, by which Direction the said Doctor apprehending himself aggriev'd, appealed to the House of Lords; but their Lordships thought fit to affirm the said Order of the Barons.

[Extracts from the same book omitted.]

March 20 (Wed.). Last Sunday, in the Afternoon, preached at

Mr. Casley's paper in Ld. Harley's. Is writing to Dr. Mead. 'I see already I must follow my Ld's so far as it goes, after wch I will take in wt the Cottonian hath more, provided it come time enough.' The MS. in the Heralds' Office will supply some parts that are wanting in the others. More on same subject. [PS.] Robert Keck had a transcript of the Bodleian MS.: does not know what is become of it.

March 16, 172⅔. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 96. 41). Acknowledges receipt of Ld. Harley's MS. Finds it is a good one, and will take it for his text, as far as it goes. Hearty thanks.

March 18, 172⅔. H. to Lord Harley (Diaries, 96. 43). Hearty thanks for loan of MS. of Robert of Gloucester, received by Mr. Bridges.

March 19, 172⅔. H. to J. Anstis (Diaries, 96. 44). Thanks for procuring H. the loan of Robert of Gloucester's MS. from the College of Arms. Received it by the care of Mr. Bridges. Wants particulars about the author.

March 19, 172⅔. G. Harbin to H. (Rawl. 7. 24). Please send the transcript of the Glastonbury Chartulary to Mr. Guibert's in Jermyn St. Glad H.'s last work will soon appear, 'and make no question but your next will equally oblige the Publick.'

March 20, 172⅔. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin [i. e. Thomas Rawlinson]

S^t. Peter's in the East, Oxon., before the Univ., M^r. Will. Peche, Fellow of S^t. John's Coll. It was remarkable that his Sermon was not above 5 Minutes long, or very little more, & that it was shorter than his Prayer. This M^r. Peche is a very good Scholar, & was formerly a studious Man.

March 21 (Th.). D^r. Rob^t Freind[1], Head Master of Westminster School, is about a new Ed. of *Delectus Epigrammatum* for the use of that School, & as he intends to leave some in the former Collection out, so he intends to add new ones, if he can meet with any to his Mind. He employs M^r. Allen, an ingenious young Gent., Bach. of Arts of X^t Ch., who resides for the most part in London & the Country, being Tutor to M^r. Trumbul, now 15 Years of Age (Son to the late Sir W^m Trumbull), in this Affair, & he (the D^r.) advised M^r. Allen to consult me. Accordingly, M^r. Allen came to me on Tuesday last, & ask'd me whether I knew of any MSS. Epigrams in Greek in the Bodlejan Library. I told him I did, particularly I mention'd a thin folio MS. in that Library, being an Anthology of Greek Epigrams (all unpublished, unless it be that here and there one hath been printed by M^r. Barnes, &c.), & I told him I wish the whole MS. were printed as it is, & that M^r. Ob. Oddy had a Design of doing it, & had both transcrib'd & translated it for that End, & that his Papers are now in the Harleyan Library. He said he had been at the Bodl. Library, but that they could not tell where the MS. was. I shew'd him y^t it was among those lately purchas'd out of the study of D^r. Edward Bernard, & that it stands among the MSS. mark'd NE. He promis'd to make farther Inquiry, & added that D^r. Freind hath now in his hands M^r. Oddy's Transcript & his Translation, but he said the Translation was in Verse, & bad. The learned M^r. Dodwell, I well remember, began formerly to transcribe this Book, but D^r. Hudson prevented him, pretending that some body was going to publish it, being,

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(Rawl. 34. 95). Very glad to hear from A. F. after so long a silence. 'I most heartily wish you freed from your Confinement, & am sorry that your Catalogues do not raise larger Summs. But 'twas the wrong time. I did, indeed, say something about *lib. rar.*, purely out of Affection to you, being sensible that now & then such an Expression (especially when the Book appear'd not to be so) would rather prejudice than enhance the Value of your Catalogue. Nor do I think that you ought to be at the Trouble and Expense of printing some Titles at full, when short ones may do as well.' Never had A. F.'s second Catalogue. £34 2*s.* is owing for Fordun, which Mr. Hannam will no doubt take care of. 'Glastonbury hath been so well rec^d that I had much ado to keep a single Copy for my self. I never printed any Book that hath had a quicker Vend.' Has not seen the advertisements about the castrated sheets of Holinshed: rejected Fletcher Gyles' proposal that he should correct his sheets. [This letter is addressed: 'For M^rs. Amy Frewin, at M^r. Frewin's, a Cooper in Bull and Mouth Street, near Aldersgate, London.']

March 21, 172⅔. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 74). Glad the MS. of Robert of Gloucester is to H.'s purpose. Ld. Harley says that it came from the library of Sir Simonds D'Ewes. 'I can with pleasure assure You that Ld. Harley is so good that any MSS. in his noble Library will always be at your Service.'

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[1] [MS. 'Frieind.']

it seems, unwilling that a Copy of it should be taken, lest himself should not be the only person to be apply'd to for it.

March 22 (Fri.). This Lent Term, about three Weeks since, was discommuned the University of Oxford one Pocock (commonly call'd Alderman Pocock), an old Man of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East. He is a Fruiterer, & upwards of threescore Years old and ten. Some time before, he had been found guilty at the Sessions of most nefandous Crimes, & he was always look'd upon as a very vicious Man, & 'twas upon this Acc^t^ he was discommun'd.

March 23 (Sat.). Yesterday was published a thing of two Sheets in Folio, intit., *The Proceedings of the Visitors of University College, with regard to the late disputed Election of a Master, vindicated. Pr. at the Theatre.* The Drawer up of this Performance was D^r^. Rich^d^ Newton, Principal of Hart Hall, who is generally look'd upon very deservedly as a crackbrain'd Man, being mad with Pride and Conceit. Tho', without doubt, Denison & his Friends have muster'd up all they could say in this Pamphlett, yet 'tis very weak, & full of lyes. They have, indeed, given us the two Statutes of the Coll. that relate to the Election, & that is the only material Thing in it, both of w^ch^ Statutes, however, make for M^r^. Cockman, & since I have seen them, I am more convinc'd than ever of the Injustice done to that Gentleman. This is the Thing hinted at above, under March 12^th^. It is generally look'd upon as the Result of Tittle Tattle at Tea Tables. D^r^. Newton was sometimes shut in at the Printing House, whilst 'twas doing, & nothing could go on regularly but that 'till it was done.

March 24 (Sun.). On Friday Night last died one M^r^. W^m^ Strickland, a Young Fellow[1] of Holywell in Oxford, by continual drinking of Brandy, &c. He hath an elder Brother, Mancipal of Bras.-Nose Coll., much given to the same Trade[2].

M^r^. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.shire (who is now in Oxford), tells me that in S^t^. Andrew's Ch. at Parshore is a fine old Font, much such another as that which was in S^t^. Peter's Ch. in the East, Oxon., which I have printed in the 1^st^ Vol. of Leland's Coll.

Out of Mist's Journal for Yesterday:—

> On Friday sev'nnight, D^r^. John Friend, lately taken into Custody, having been examined by a Committee of Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, was committed to the Tower for High treason, and accordingly was carried thither about seven o'Clock that Night, and confin'd in the House of one of the Warders.

March 23, 172⅔. **J. Bridges to H.** (Rawl. 3. 84). Received H.'s giving account of the safe arrival of the books. Is inquiring about Mr. Robert Keck's transcript of Robert of Gloucester, which he believes went with the rest of his books to Mr. Keck of Tew, co. Oxon. Advises H. to inquire about it. Sends list of Ashmolean MSS.: wants to know whether any of them are worth transcribing.

March 25, 1723. **H. to T. Allen** (Diaries, 96. 51). Wants to know what

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[1] 31 Years old.

[2] He was buried at Holywell Ch. this Evening.

March 26 (Tu.), 1723. On Sunday last came a Summons from the Atturney General, Sir Rob[t] Raymond, by Command of K. George (whom M[r]. Cockman, & the Fellows of Univ. Coll. that elected him Master, had petition'd), to D[r]. Shippen, our Vice-Chancellour, D[r]. De Laune, D[r]. John Braborne, D[r]. Newton, D[r]. Haywood, D[r]. Hole, D[r]. Hunt, M[r]. James Martin, Dep. Proctor, M[r]. Dennison, M[r]. Lindsey, M[r]. Ward, M[r]. Francis Rogers, and M[r]. Rob[t] Eden, to appear at the Atturney's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on Friday, Apr. 5[th] next. It is dated March 22[d] last. M[r]. Cockman is styl'd in it Master of Univ. Coll., but M[r]. Denison only Bach. of Div., not Master or even so much as Fellow. This Summons is ab[t] confirming M[r]. Cockman, K. George taking the Power of Visitor to himself. And, indeed, there is no doubt but it belong'd originally to the Crown.

March 27 (Wed.). Yesterday being at the Theatre Printing House, M[r]. Brokeland, one of the Printers, told me he was composing a new Page for D[r]. Newton, to come upon the Back of the Title Page of the folio Thing that D[r]. Newton hath published ab[t] Univ. College. So that it appears from hence that the Thing is a Cheat upon the former Buyers. But let this Addition be what it will, no body exspects any thing but lyes, as all the other is, not excepting even the Quotations, given very falsly.

Yesterday was the D. of Beaufort's Birth day, when 'tis said he compleated the 16[th] Year of his Age.

March 28 (Th.). Mus. Ashmol. 766, 2. Discourse on L. Burleigh's Crest. The Author of it is Francis Thynne, the Antiquary, tho' not specify'd so in the Catalogue, the Compiler, perhaps, being not able to read the Name. It is a Poem of 9 leaves in 4[to].

March 29 (Fri.). Many Years agoe were Gentlemen Commoners of Edmund Hall two Brothers, Rob. Patridge, Esq., & Henry Patridge, Esq.,

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is become of Robert Keck's transcript of the MS. of Robert of Gloucester in the Bodleian Library. [PS.] 'I told you of M[r]. Collins of Magd. College's Death. He left me a MS. as a Legacy. Since that, D[r]. Stafford of the same Coll. is dead also.'

March 28, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 54). Is inquiring about Robert Keck's MSS. The transcript of Robert of Gloucester was made by an undergraduate of University College. Has consulted the MSS. at the Ashmolean Museum. That about Mary, Queen of Scots, is already printed: the others may be worth transcribing. Mr. Whiteside says his lad may copy them, provided they are not for any bookseller. [PS.] 'Yesterday Christopher, y[t] lately lived with you as a servant, came to me, & desired me to intreat that you would be pleas'd to give him a Character. . . . I promis'd him to mention his Request. . . . Mr. Whiteside told me ab[t] 3 Years agoe (but he spoke of it as a secret, w[ch], therefore, you may be pleas'd to be cautious how you speak of again) that D[r]. Gardiner . . . had desired him not to let me see any thing in the Muséum. Notw[th]standing w[ch], however, he said he would be always ready to shew me any thing there, adding that 'twas a very malicious Request, as it certainly was.'

March 29, 1723. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 66). 'M[r]. C[otton]'s late troubles & my long confinem[t] . . . hinder'd me speaking to him of y[r] affair till he was going out of town, & then he told me he sh[d] return next month, &

both Gentlemen of good Estates, but the younger had the better, wch was much increas'd by the Death of his said elder Brother Robt, all whose Estate thereupon came to Henry, who, being a pretty, sweet, good natur'd Man, married one Mrs. Holder (Grand-Daughter, if I am not mistaken, of the famous Dr. William Holder), a wonderfull handsome Creature, who died in Child Birth of her second Child, being just turn'd of seventeen Years of Age, to the great Grief of Mr. Patridge, who kept in above a Year thereupon, & would hardly receive any Consolation, 'till he married soon after the year was expired again. By his first Lady he had eight thousand Pounds, & he had also a vast Fortune with the second, who, I think, was a Merchant's Daughter, but not a Beauty like the first. Mr. Patridge & this his second Lady are now living in London, & by this his second he hath had many Children.

March 30 (Sat.). I have often heard Dr. Hugh Wynne, the Non Juror (lately deceased), say, and Mr. Dyer of Oriel College told me the same Yesterday, that Dr. Mill & Dr. Wallis us'd to be much the best Disputants in the Divinity School, but that Dr. Mill exceeded Dr. Wallis. Mr. Dyer said Dr. Mill was so ready that he believ'd he could dispute 24 Hours together extempore.

Mr. Wm Thomas, Rector of Exhall in Warwickshire, hath now in the Press, as Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.sh., informs me, a new Edition of Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwicksh., with very considerable Additions, many of them by Sir Wm himself, being communicated, with the Plates, &c., by Sir Wm's Great Grandson, some Years since Gent. Com. of University Coll. This Mr. Thomas hath also a Design of adding a second Vol. hereafter, wch is to consist of Original Papers, &c. He hath likewise a Design of writing the Antiquities of Worcester. He is Son of Dr. Thomas, Bp of Worcester, who was succeeded by Dr. Stillingfleet. He was bred up at Cambridge, being Fellow of Trinity College there. Mr. Graves says he understands a matter of ten Languages perfectly well, that he is a modest, good natur'd, & learned Man, & of very great Industry.

March 31 (Sun.).

The front of the North-Cross of Westminster-Abbey being finished, draws daily a great many curious Artists, Foreigners as well as English, to see and examine the Justness and Beauty of that Work. It is judg'd that for Strength, Magnificence, and Elegance of Workmanship, it exceeds any Thing of the Ancients which is to be seen in our days. The Designing and Management of this Building is owing to the Skill and Care of Mr. William Dickinson, who studied Architecture under Sir Christopher Wren, by whom he was bred up, and often employed. This new Part of the Building is of the ancient Monastick Order, with Counterforts, Buttresses, Porches, and open Battlements, with a large Window upward, 33 Foot high; the Top of the Front

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hoped ye money wd be then pay'd.' Sends H. a little 'piece,' which the bookseller is afraid to sell on account of some passages in the dedication. Obliged for H.'s recommendation of his Proposals. 'I am still searching for notes, as far as my ill health will permit, & shall hardly go to ye press till Midsummer.'

is also adorn'd with 5 Pyramids; the Heighth of the whole is 166 Foot, Breadth 112. The Mason's Work, which is also a Master-Piece in its Kind, was done by Captain Swanton.

The said Account out of Mist's Journal for Yesterday.

April 1 (Mon.). Last Saturday was a Funeral Sermon in the Afternoon at Horspath, near Oxford, for a Young Woman, buried there at that time, who died distracted, w^ch^ Distemper, I am told, was chiefly occasion'd by her great Reading, being always at her Book, & delighting as well in History as Divinity, &c. She fell ill about six Weeks before her Death.

'Tis reported that Horspath Church was built by one London, a Bagpipe Player, & that for that reason his Effigies (with Bagpipes under his Arm) & that of his Wife are put upon the Church. I am told there are several Acres of Land at Horspath call'd Mother London's Acres.

April 2 (Tu.). On Friday last, at Evening Prayers in Oriel College Chappel, D^r^. Carter, Provost of that College, pulled out a Paper, & read it, vacating the Fellowship of M^r^. Wil. Dering, because he was not in Orders. M^r^. Charles Cotes had resigned his Fellowship just before, otherwise he had been ejected, too, upon the same Account. They are both honest Gentlemen, and the Provost hath rec^d^ great Kindnesses from M^r^. Dering, who was the Provost's Pupil. But the Provost endeavours to get all to be of Bangorian Principles that are of the College, and hath, for that end, procured this Order of vacating Mr. Dering's Fellowship from the Visitor, D^r^. Gibson, B^p^ of Lincoln. That impudent, silly Rascal, Bowles, hath been an agent in this Affair, being a constant Companion of D^r^. Carter's, who makes him his Tool, & imploys him (the said Bowles) in every pitifull, scoundrell Affair, for w^ch^ none is more proper.

April 3 (Wed.). The Right Hon^ble^ the L^d^ Abergavenny is marry'd to M^rs^. Eliz. Thornicroft, eldest Daughter to the late Colonel Thornicroft. This L^d^ Abergavenny is a most ingenious, sensible young Gentleman, but very much deform'd, occasion'd by his Mother's Means, when he was an infant. At the time of his Marriage, he was a Member of University College, whither he came the latter end of last Week, and took his leave of the College, where M^r^. Browne was his Tutour.

April 1, 1723. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Rawl. 34. 96). Thanks for second and fourth Catalogues. 'I love Titles at large as well as you. But I did not see any Necessity for you to throw away Money, if short Titles to many of the Books would do as well in the way of Sale. However, if you have regard rather to the Interest of Posterity than your own Profit, . . . I say no more. The *certain Squire* (you mention) was never so much out as in his Conjecture about the Author (a most excellent Person) of *The Antiquities of Glastonbury*. I know some are nettled at the Author, while others are mightily pleas'd. Bu the is a happy Man, and altogether regardless of Malice and Envy.'

April 1, 1723. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 96. 60). Hears from Mr. Bridges that the supplement to Robert of Gloucester in the Cotton Library will be sent in due time. Glad Ld. Harley is so ready to lend his MSS.

April 4 (Th.). Yesterday Mr. Rolston, Gent. Commoner of Oriel College, had his Grace for the Degree of Bach. of Arts, and was presented to it to-day. He was one Year's standing in this Univ., & three Years' at Leyden. This was a Favour granted him particularly upon Account of his Uncle, Dr. Richd Mead, whose own Sister is Mr. Rolston's Mother.

On Tuesday last, abt 4 Clock in the Afternoon, the bells in Oxford rang out for Robt Hyde, LL.D., who was late Fellow of Magd. Coll. He dyed in the Gravel Walk (of a lingering Distemper), near that College. His Brother, Laurence Hyde, D.D., dyed a few years before him, being his younger Brother.

This Morning died Anthony Hall, D.D., late Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxon., at Garford, near Abbington in Berks., where he lived with his Wife, he being her third Husband. This Dr. Hall died of a Dropsy, as her second Husband, Dr. Hudson, did. He was about 45 Years of Age. He hath lived for a great many Years in a very strange, unactive manner, very rarely coming abroad. He read much, but was a very hard Drinker. He hath published *Leland de Scriptoribus*, in 8vo, Some Parts of *Britannia Antiqua & Nova*, 8vo, *Trivet's Annals, & the Continuation*, in two Vols., octavo, and Put a Preface (a very poor one) before Dr. Hudson's Josephus. But what he did in these Matters of Learning was far from being any ways accurate[1].

April 6 (Sat.). Mr. John Murray of London told me Yesterday that

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April 4, 1723. T. Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 21). Has to-day paid Mr. Godfrey six guineas by H.'s order. Wants two small copies of his next book. 'I have been with Mr. Keck for ye Manpt mention'd in yr last, and find everything of that nature was left by our deceased Friend to Mr. Keck, near Banbury in Oxfordshire. Whether four or five be the greater number is a dispute worthy of ye Yorkshire Philosophers, and if the later shou'd prove so, I hope Ferguson will be allow'd his old privilege, i. e. to recover by dint of swearing what he lost for want of merit, and likewise, according to custom & for ye grace of the mater [?] one Evidence of his own chosing besides himself, if there be occation for it. Without doubt he will make the best Master who best knows the several springs by wh. they were moved who forsooke their Founders & statutes for his sake and service. We love the treason, but hate the traitor, and have nothing to do with scaffolds, when the building is raised, but to pull 'em down. A certain Butler of one college & set of Fellows of another not far from it can best fix [?] the truth of this. I wish I had seen Mr. Collins before he died, and hope he was prepared for that great change.'

April 5, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 67). Christopher has called on H. twice since about the character: told him he had not heard from J. B., but would write again. Mr. Graves of Gloucestershire has some copies of ancient charters in the Cotton Library relating to Northamptonshire: he is willing to communicate them to J. B., if of use.

April 5, 1723. H. to Charles Gray (Diaries, 96. 68). Received by Mr. Baker valuable present of roll concerning Glastonbury Abbey: hearty thanks. Hopes to make it public some time.

April 6, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 85). Received H.'s of the

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[1] He was buried in the Ch. of Kingston Bagpuz, on Saturday, in ye Afternoon, April 6th following.

he is 53 Years old. This is my Friend, Mr. Murray, the curious Collector of Books, MSS^t and printed.

He tells me one Mr. [Robert] Aynsworth (who will not take the Oaths) understands our English Coyns, he believes, as well, if not better than any Man in England, y^t he is a mighty modest Man, an excell^t Scholar, & hath been ab^t 7 Years ab^t a Dictionary in the nature of Littleton's. He was Author of the Catalogue (w^ch is printed) of Mr. [John] Kemp's Rarities, a thick 8^vo. But most of the said Rarities were a Cheat. He is a married Man, and lives at Hackney, near London.

April 7 (Sun.). Mr. Murray, being in Oxford, bought yesterday of Mr. Peisley, Bookseller there, Leland's Itinerary in ix Volumes, for which he gave ten Guineas.

Mr. Murray hath got two Copies of Inigo Jones's Stonehenge (a Book that is now worth fifty Shillings), one of w^ch hath MSS. Notes by one of the Earls of Chesterfield[1], but they are strange ones, nothing to the purpose, shewing him to be whimsically mad, such as . . . [example omitted], &c. This I had from Mr. Murray's own Mouth.

Burton's Antiquities of Leycestershire is now worth fourty or fifty Shillings, & Thoroton's Nottinghamshire fourty, Chauncy's Hartfordshire 25s. or 30s., Kennett's Parochial Antiquities 18s.

I heard Mr. Bagford (some time before he dyed) say that he walk'd once into the Country, on purpose to see the study of John Bunnyan. When he came, John rec^d him very civilly and courteously, but his study consisted only of a Bible & a parcell of Books (the Pilgrim's Progress chiefly) written by himself, all lying on a Shelf or Shelves.

Mr. John Ray, the Botanist, writ a very good hand, but tho' he writ much, he was but a slow Writer.

April 8 (Mon.). Communicated to me by Mr. George Ward, Fellow of Univ. Coll.:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of y^e Rev^d John Boroston, Master of Arts, Sen^r Fellow of y^r Majesty's Ancient and Royal College of the Great Hall within

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16th. Desires Mr. Whiteside to let his lad copy certain of the Ashmolean MSS. 'My Transcripts are purely for my own Information, and not for Booksellers, as you may imagine.' Wants the enclosed (concerning the MS. of Robert of Gloucester at the Bodleian) left at Queen's College.

April 7, [1723]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 82). Glad Heming is so near a conclusion, and will be glad of an edition of Robert of Gloucester; 'but you are very kind, & will deserve a Reward for undertaking so knotty a piece of work, w^ch few men could perform well besides yourself.' Wishes to be a subscriber. Remarks on Robert of Gloucester. 'He might probably be of Gloucester Hall in Oxford, . . . & if of that Hall, might probably be a Monk, sent hither from Gloucester.' Has not seen Dr. Middleton since he received H.'s letter, but takes it for granted he will be a subscriber. Jugg did leave books to King's College, but believes they are not distinguished from the rest. 'I suppose you print in the black Gothic Letter, as I find your Author always quoted.'

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[1] [Note by Dr. Philip Bliss: 'Not so. By Philip, Earl of Pembroke. The vol. was in Lord Harley's Library afterwards.']

the University of Oxford, Cavendish Nevile, Master of Arts, John Brown, Batchelor of Divinity, Thomas Cockerill, Master of Arts, and Francis Taylor, Master of Arts, also Fellows of y^e^ s^d^ College, and of Thomas Cockman, y^e^ Master of y^e^ s^d^ College, and formerly one of the Fellows of the same College, Sheweth

That the College of the Great Hall of the University of Oxford was founded by King Alfred the Great, one of your Ma^ty[rs]^ Royal Progenitors, in or about the Year 872.

That several Benefactions have been given & confirm'd by your Ma^ty's^ Royal Progenitors, & particularly King Henry the 4^th^, to the s^d^ College.

That your Petitioners, on tuesday, the 4^th^ of Dec., 1722, did meet in the Chappel belonging to the s^d^ College, & did then & there elect & choose, by Majority of unexcepted Votes, the Rev^d^ M^r^. Thomas Cockman, Master of Arts, formerly Fellow of the s^d^ College, to be Master & Governor there, in the Place & Stead of the Rev^d^ Arthur Charlett, D^r^. of Divinity, their late Master, deceased.

That the next Day y^r^ Petitioners presented y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Cockman as Master & Governor of the s^d^ College to y^e^ Rev^d^ Robert Shippen, D^r^. of Divinity, Vice-Chancellor, & to y^e^ D^rs^. in Divinity & Proctors of y^e^ s^d^ University, in like Manner as former Masters had been presented, for their Approbation of him.

That on the 6^th^ of Dec. y^e^ s^d^ Vice-Chan., some of y^e^ Doctors in Divinity & Proctors did take upon themselves, without any Legal Authority as Visitors of y^e^ s^d^ College, to take Cognizance of an Appeal pretended to be brought by W^m^ Denison & others, Fellows of the s^d^ College, & decreed y^r^ Pet^rs^ & the s^d^ M^r^. Cockman to be cited to appear before them on the 11^th^ day of Dec., to answer to y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Denison in such Cause of Appeal.

That on the 11^th^ Dec. y^e^ s^d^ Vice-Chanc., D^rs^., & Proctors, further illegally proceeding in y^e^ s^d^ pretended Cause, did adjourn their Meeting to the next Day, & on the 12^th^ Dec. did by their Sentence declare y^e^ Election of M^r^. Cockman so made by y^r^ Petitioners to be null & void, & order'd y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Denison & ye other Fellows to proceed to a new Election.

That y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Denison, pursuant to y^e^ s^d^ Sentence, did in an illegal manner cite y^r^ Petitioners & y^e^ other Fellows of y^e^ s^d^ College, on y^e^ 17^th^ of y^e^ same Month, to elect a Master of y^e^ s^d^ College.

That y^r^ Petitioners, as also a great Numb^r^ of y^e^ Doct^rs^ in Divinity resident in the s^d^ University, having protest'd ag^st^ y^e^ unlawfull & unwarrantable Proceedings of y^e^ Vice-Chan., some other of y^e^ *Doctors and Proctors of y^r^ Pet^rs^* having legally appealed to y^r^ most Sacred Ma^ty^, as y^e^ sole & undoubted Visitor of y^r^ Ma^ty's^ s^d^ Ancient & Royal College, from y^e^ s^d^ Sentence, did not joyn in, but protest'd ag^t^ any Election y^t^ shou'd be pretended to be made, & did insist y^t^ M^r^. Cockman had been legally elected Master by them on y^e^ 4^th^ of Dec. preceding.

That y^e^ s^d^ Denison did proceed to an Election, and four of y^e^ Fellows did pretend to elect the s^d^ M^r^. Denison to be Master of y^e^ College.

That some of y^e^ Fellows of y^e^ s^d^ College, Adherents of y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Denison, presented the s^d^ M^r^. Denison to the Vice-Chanc. & some of y^e^ D^rs^. in Divinity & Proctors, as Master of y^e^ s^d^ College, for their Approbation, who accordingly approv'd of & confirm'd y^e^ s^d^ pretended Election.

That on some day preceeding 25 Feb^ry^, 1722, y^e^ s^d^ Vice-Chanc. did send private Notice to some few of y^e^ D^rs^. of Divinity then in Town, but no Notice was given to y^e^ other D^rs^. in Divinity then resident in y^e^ University, tho' more in Number, to meet in y^e^ s^d^ College, who, being met, did make y^e^ Order or Decree hereunto annext.

That y^r^ Majesty's Petitioners have legally appeal'd to y^r^ most sacred Majesty, as y^e^ sole & undoubted Visitor of y^e^ s^d^ College, from all & singular y^e^ Acts done, or pretended to be done, by y^e^ s^d^ Vice-Chan., D^rs^., & Proctors, in Breach & Violation of y^r^ Ma^ty[rs]^ Royal Power and Authority of Visitation,

& in Prejudice of y^e^ Election made by y^r^ Majesty's Petitioners of y^e^ s^d^ M^r^. Tho. Cockman to be y^e^ Master & Governor of y^r^ Ma^ty's^ s^d^ Royal & Ancient College of y^e^ Great Hall in y^e^ University of Oxford.

Wherfor y^r^ Petitioners most humbly beseech y^r^ Majesty to take their hard Case into y^r^ Royal Consideration, and them into y^r^ *Gracious Protection*: And to hear and determine y^e^ Right of Election by them made, in such Manner and at such Time as y^r^ Majesty in y^r^ Great Wisdom & Clemency shall think fit to appoint.

And y^r^ Petitioners shall ever Pray, &c.

At y^e^ Court of S^t^. James,
the 11^th^ of March, 1722.

His Majesty, having been moved upon this Petition, is graciously pleas'd to refer y^e^ same, together with y^e^ annext Order, to M^r^. Attorney General, to consider thereof, & report his Opinion what His Majesty may fitly do therein: Whereupon His Majesty will declare His further Pleasure.

CARTERET.

On Sunday, March 31^st^ last, died at Chelsea the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, Viscount Cornbury, and Baron of Hindon. His L^d^ship's Grandfather, who wrote that celebrated and excellent *History of the Rebellion*, was Sir Edw^d^ Hyde, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and one of the Privy-Council to King Charles the I^st^. And after the happy Restoration of King Charles the II (whom he attended in foreign Parts), he was sent Ambassador into Spain, made Secretary of State, Lord High Chancellor, and, at last, Earl of Clarendon. The lately deceased Earl married Katherine, Daughter to Henry, Lord O'Brian, eldest Son and Heir to Henry, Earl of Thomond, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and by her had a Son and two Daughters, whereof the Son and the eldest Daughter died unmarried, and the youngest Daughter, being married to John Bligh, lately created Viscount Darnly in Ireland, died last year in Childbed of the seventh Child; so that his Lordship left no Issue living. We hear the Title of Earl of Clarendon descends to the Earl of Rochester. By his Death 2000 l. per Annum reverts to the Crown.

This out of Mist's Journal for Saturday last.

April 9 (Tu.). Daniel King's Cheshire is now worth fifty Shillings.

M^r^. Murray hath got a MS^t^ called Edward IV^th's^ Wardrobe, an excellent Thing for the Prices of that time, in w^ch^ is an account of that King's Books, & w^t^ they cost binding.

M^r^. West of Balliol Coll. hath got Sir. Tho. More's Life, in Q^to^. He told me to-day he gave 3s. for it to Wilmot, an Oxford Booksell^r^. But it wants y^e^ Title.

April 10 (Wed.). M^r^. Murray told me, when he was here t'other day, that Q. Elizabeth's Entertainm^t^ at Kenilworth Castle is reprinted in Gascoigne's Works.

Old Henry Clements, the Booksell^r^, who lived such a great Number of Years in Oxford (being born at Abbington, & bound an Apprentice to

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April 9, [1723]. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 88). Having received an indifferent character with Christopher, cannot grant him a certificate. Thanks H.'s friend for his kind offer, but has access to the Registers in the Cotton Library.

Davies, the Bookseller, in Oxford, & afterwds lived all his time in that City), told me a little before he died that he was never at Marston, by Oxford.

April 11 (Th.). Jacob Tonson, of London, Bookseller, hath just printed Livy, in six little Volumes, in a small letter, without Notes. 'Tis a Grub Street Edition, taken from that wch I put out at Oxford, wch grows now scarce. It is dedicated to my Ld Harley, but the sorry Editor (who hath taken my Chronology that I printed from Mr. Dodwell) is ashamed to own his Name, as he is also to the Grub Street Ed. (just come out also) of Pliny's Epistles, tho' I guess him to be Mr. Michael Mattaire, who hath done many Books of this kind, with his Name to them, but none of his Editions bare any Character among learned and curious Men, being done meerly to get a penny, &, indeed, Mattaire is famous for his Love of Money. But being a Non Juror, and otherwise a Scholar, I have a respect for him, as I have also a value for what he hath published abt Printing & Printers.

John Poynter, M.A. & Chaplain of Merton College, hath just publish'd to-day, *A Rational Prognostication of the Weather, Oxon., pr. by Leon. Litchfield,* 8o, price 1s., wch makes good sport, as, indeed, the other Things have done of this idle blockhead.

This Afternoon, between 5 and six Clock, was buried in St. Peter's Ch. in ye East, Oxon., Dr. Robt Hyde, mentioned before, April 4th, who is said to have dyed on Saturday, March 30th last, tho' the Bells did not ring 'till the Tuesday after. He was buried just under the Monument of Mrs. Helen Low (mentioned in pag. 228 of Vol. 6 of these Coll.), who was a deformed young Woman, & was in love with this Dr., then Mr., Hyde, who, nevertheless, shew'd no Inclination to her 'till she was upon her Death Bed, when he pretended a mighty Affection for her, and thereupon she left him very considerably, some say all that she had, without doubt a very great part. This Dr. Hyde was Brother to Madam Levins, who now lives in the Gravel Walk (near Magd. Coll., & 'twas at her House he dyed), Widow of Dr. Baptista Levins, Bp of Man, who died in ye latter End of 1692, ever since wch she hath continued a Widow. The Bp, her Husband, was a handsome, but intolerably proud Man. By him she had two Children, a Son (who is dead) & a Daughter, a pretty Woman (tho' not so now), married to Dr. Frampton, the Physician, late Fellow of Magd. Coll., who now lives in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon. 'Tis sd this Dr. Hyde hath left Magd. Coll. an Impropriation of 8 score libs. per an., two hundred libs. in Money, & a Coll. Lease of twenty libs. per an., & a Vicarage of about 40 Guineas per an. It was express'd upon his Coffin that he was aged 61, but he was more.

April 12 (Good Fri.). Mr. Murray told me the other day that he gave between four and five Pounds for some of the castrated Sheets of Hollingshede's Chronicle. But, whereas Fletcher Gyles, of London,

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April 11, 1723. G. Harbin to H. (Rawl. 7. 26). Received the parcel, but can't find the second part of the transcript. Asks H. to see whether it was forgotten, but thinks it is probably mislaid since its return. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd this Letter, Good Friday, April 12th, 1723, at 5 Clock.']

Bookseller, & some others are now reprinting all the Castrations for 50 shillings, wch is a knavish Design, the Price will, in all probability, so sink that even the common Hollingshead will be of much more value than those wch have the Sheets, & so the covetous Design of these men will, as it ought to be, [be] quite frustrated.

[Account of the funeral of William Parr, Marquis of Northampton, Dec. 5, 1571, from MS. Ashmole 818, f. 44, omitted.]

April 13 (Sat.). Mr. Murray told me t'other day that my Collection of Books was the oddest that ever he saw, & he said if I were to sell them by Auction, they would bring as much Money (for the Number of them), he believed, as ever any Collection sold in England; 'nay', said he, 'I believe much more, considering the Character you have established.'

Castellio, that very great and good, humble Man, had nothing, when he dyed, to bury him, but a most excellent study of Books, and he was carry'd to his grave by his own Scholars, who could not but admire the Excellencies of their Master, who was so great a despiser of Money.

April 14 (Easter Day). Mr. Murray told me that Mr. Thomas Granger of London hath a most excellent Collection of Books (all English History & Antiquities), nobody, he believes, in England a better.

April 16 (Tu.). Mr. Bowles of Oriel Coll. preach'd at St. Marie's in Oxford, before ye Parishioners of that Parish, on Sunday Morning last, but I am told he made poor work of it, as he did also in expounding ye Catechism (once or twice) this last Lent (since he hath been in Orders) at that Place, telling the Children (among other things) that 'twas for want of being catechis'd that there are so many Rebells & disaffected Persons (to K. George), & yet this Fellow pretended (but 'twas only pretence) to be a Non-Juror once, & protested (at least, often declar'd) that (come what would of it) he would never swear to K. George, or any others, in opposition to K. J. 3d.

Mr. Thomas Barnwell (some time agoe Student of Xt Church) died lately (much abt the time yt his Uncle, Dr. Stafford of Magd. Coll., died), a very good natur'd Man, but very weak and imprudent. He is the same Barnwell that I have mentioned in the Beginning of Leland's Coll., in the *Conspectus totius Operis*.

Last Sunday (being Easter day) Dr. Felton administred the Sacramt in Edm. Hall Chappel, being the 1st time he hath either given or recd it there since he was Principal of that Hall.

April 15, 1723. H. to G. Harbin (Diaries, 96. 93). Took great care to count the six parts of the Collections from the Glastonbury Chartulary, when they were packed up: thinks the second part must have been mislaid after it got to London. 'I am in pain about it, & shall be glad to hear yt 'tis discovered; for should it be lost, I cannot retrieve it, having not transcrib'd, but only taken a very few Things from it.'

April 15, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 140). Received parcel on Saturday last. Thanks for Records. Has not yet met Mr. West. Thanks for last volume of first edition of Holinshed: it is a great curiosity. Mr. Rance is again confined with gout.

Stephen Fletcher, of Oxford, Bookseller, hath put Spelman's Glossary (in large Paper) at 3 libs. 16s. among the Books that he sells in his Shop.

I was told to-day of a Man that lives in S^t. Ebb's Parish, & is almost three score Years of Age, and yet (tho' he be otherwise a Man that hath always had his limbs) was never at Heddington Hill, by Oxford.

April 17 (Wed.). M^r. Staples, Rector of Shottesbrooke in Berks., 'tis said, died of S^t. Anthonie's fire. He was, according to his desire, buried at the East End of Shottesbrooke Church Yard. He is succeeded by M^r. Turkentine [Torkington], who was inducted on Saturd., March 2^d last, by M^r. Brown, Vicar of Bray. He has likewise the promise of the Vicarage of White Waltham, after the Decease of M^r. Griffyth, who is in a very weak condition.

As there was formerly a Grub Street Ed. of D^r. Woodward's Letter to S^r X^toph. Wren published ab^t the Roman Urns, &c., found at Bishopsgate, so there is now a pretended 3^d Ed. of the same lying in the shops, with the Letter to me ab^t it, but not, as before, prefix'd to, but plac'd at y^e End of, the s^d Letter to S^r X^topher.

M^r. Clements, the Bookseller, told me to-day that the Booksellers in London ask four Pounds for Somner's Saxon Dictionary.

April 18 (Th.). Yesterday Morning, about half an hour after four Clock, went out of Oxford by Coach M^rs. Anne Jenkins, the youngest & prettiest Daughter (there being two living besides) of M^rs. Jenkins (Widow of M^r. Jenkins, a Barber of Oxford, who died a few Years since), & Grand-Daughter of the late M^r. W^m Sherwin, one of the University Beadles. W^ch M^rs. Anne Jenkins was accompanied by her husband[1] (for she is said to be married), a young Iron Monger, who hath got a good substance in Barbadoes, whither they are both going to live, & her Brother (who hath fail'd in London) goes (as he went also from Oxford) with them, in order to try his Fortune there, the young Iron-monger giving him great Encouragement.

D^r. Irish of All Souls College lately told D^r. Cox (of Bladon) that he (the said D^r. Irish) is 76 Years of Age.

Great Marlow in Bucks., tho' it be pleasantly situated upon the River of Thames, yet it is but a poor Market Town, occasion'd, as 'tis said, by the narrow ways to it, by w^ch 'tis not easy for Waggons and Carts to come. Nor are the Inhabitants rich. It is well stock'd with Bargemen. There is plenty of Fish, Corn, and Wood, whence 'tis a common saying there :—

Fish for catching, Corn for Snatching, & Wood for fetching.

Yet wood is not so common there as 'twas some Years agoe, abundance of Acres having been grubbed thereabouts within these twenty Years.

April 19 (Fri.). On Wednesd. last, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, in w^ch a Letter was read, to give thanks to the present Earl of Pembroke for a fine Brass Statue his L^dship hath presented to

[1] They were not married at that time, but were married since at London, on Thursday, May 2^d, 1723.

the Univ., representing one of his Ancestors, viz. that Earl of Pembroke that gave the Univ. the Baroccian Collection of Greek MSS. I am told that this Letter is very silly & poor, and that, among other Things, his L^dship is told in it that the Statue is placed in *æde immortalitatis*. Now what this *ædes immortalitatis*, Church, Temple, or Chappel of immortality, is, I cannot conceive, but am sure that y^e Statue is at present fix'd in the Picture Gallery adjoyning to the Bodl. Library.

April 20 (Sat.). What is s^d about *Lamb day*, in p. 149 of Blount's Tenures, as belonging to Kidlington in Oxfordshire, is a Mistake for Kirtleton, unless y^e same Custom also belong'd to Kidlington formerly, & is discontinued since. It seems, on Monday after Whitson week there is a fat live lamb provided, and the Maids of the Town, having their Thumbs tyed behind them, run after it, and she that with her Mouth takes and holds this Lamb is declared *Lady of the Lamb*, which, being dress'd with the Skin hanging on, is carried on a long Pole before the Lady and her Companions to the Green, attended with Musick and a Morisco Dance of Men, and another of Women, where the rest of the Day is spent in dancing, mirth, & Jollity. The next day the Lamb is part bak'd, part boyl'd, and rost, for y^e Ladie's feast, where she sits Majestically (& much respect is shew'd to her) at the upper end of the Table, and her Companions with her, with Musick, and other attendants, which ends the solemnity. M^r. Blount does not tell us the reason of this Custom, but I am told 'tis upon account of the Inhabitants being Toll Free in Oxford & other Places. I was told Yesterday that the same Custom belong'd formerly to Wightham in Berks.

D^r. John Mill that was Principal of Edm. Hall had made a great Number of Remarks upon, & Additions to, Skinner's Etymologicon, all inserted by his own hand in a Copy of the Book. Several of these I transcrib'd, when I came first to Oxford, for M^r. White Kennett (since B^p of Peterborough), & these & all the rest (D^r. Mill letting him have the use of the Book) were us'd by him in his Glossary to his Parochial Antiquities.

A Bookseller told me Yesterday that even the small Paper of Spelman's Glossary is now risen to fifty shillings, tho' he sold one lately to M^r. Browne of University Coll. for fourty shillings, to whom he also sold D^r. Hickes's Thesaurus (of the better Paper, he said) for three Pounds ten shillings.

On Thursday, the 11^th instant, dyed D^r. Robinson, B^p of London, at Hampstead.

On Thursday last was married (by M^r. Lamprey, Minister of the Place) in Magd. Parish Ch., Oxon., M^rs. Harrison (Widow of the lat[e] M^r. Harrison, Minister of the s^d Magd. Parish) to a young Chimney Doctor of London, to whom, it seems, she made her Addresses herself.

April 21 (Sun.). I was inform'd yesterday that on Friday last was in Oxford M^r. Henry Dodwell (eldest Son of the late famous M^r. Henry Dodwell), with M^r. Browne, Vicar of Bray, & that he is entered (or to be entered) either of Magd. Coll. or Magd. Hall. See Vol. 103, p. 24.

This April being excessive dry, & for some time extreme hot, yesterday in the Afternoon was a very great Shower, with much Thunder and Lightning, from 3 Clock 'till a little after 4.

Mr. Peisley (the younger) of Oxford told me yesterday that he lately sold Spelman's Glossary for fifty Shillings.

This being Lowe Sunday, the Repeater of the four Easter Sermons before the University was Mr. Whitfeild of Wadham College, who did it well. The Preachers of the said 4 Sermons were (1) Mr. Jones, commonly call'd (for his Sour Look) Vinegar Jones, of Christ-Church, (2) Mr. Smith, Chaplain of Xt Ch., a good Singer, who made an excellent Sermon, (3) Mr. Kippling, Usher of Xt Ch. School, (4) The said Mr. Whitfeild himself. Mr. Kipling's Sermon was also excellent.

April 22 (Mon.). The Editions of Classicks of the first Print (commonly called *Editiones principes*), that used to go at prodigious Prices, are now strangely lower'd, occasion'd, in good measure, by Mr. Thomas Rawlinson my Friend's being forc'd to sell many of his Books, in whose Auction these Books went cheap, tho' English History and Antiquities went dear, and yet this Gentleman was the chief Man that rais'd many curious & classical Books so high, by his generous & couragious way of bidding.

April 23 (Tu.). Edmund Ironside was a legitimate Son by K. Ethelred's first Wife, according to the genuine Chronicle of Robt of Glouc. in the Harleyan Library, but a bastard, according to the vicious, interpolated Copy in the Heralds' Office.

April 24 (Wed.). Among other Customs that Dr. Felton hath altered at Edmund Hall, is the breaking off Fast Nights on Fridays. For, whereas there did not use formerly to be any Suppers there on that day, he hath now ordered the contrary, & makes the Bell to be rung as at other set Supper times.

This Afternoon was a Convoc. at two Clock, when the two new Proctors, viz. Mr. [Richard] Street of Merton Coll. & Mr. [Robert] Leybourn of Bras. Nose Coll. were admitted. The former is Minister of St. Peter's in the East. The latter is Nephew to Dr. Shippen, Vice-Chanc.

April 25 (Th., St. Mark). Last Night the Bells rung out at 8 Clock for one Stonehill, one of the Oxford Stage Coachmen, who lived in St. Peter's in the East, & died there on Tuesday Night (immediately before), betw. 8 & 9 clock[1].

This day was a publick Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the Plague. There was mighty ringing in Oxford. The University Prayers & Sermon were at Magd. Coll., where Mr. Shawe, Fellow of that Coll., preached.

April 26 (Fri.). Last Week two Gentlemen, delegated from the Archbp of Canterb., were in Oxford, at All Souls Coll., to visit that Place, upon Account of Mr. Wood, a Founder's Kinsman, who ought

[1] He was buried, Friday Night, in St. Peter's Ch., Apr. 26th.

by the Statutes to have been made Fellow last Election. What ye Issue hath been, I hear not any farther than this, that the two Gentlemen, Mr. Wilbraham of Bras.-Nose & Mr. Wynn of Jesus Coll., have left All Souls Coll., & taken their Effects from thence, as if the Election were null.

April 27 (Sat.). Mr. Philipps, a Roman Catholick at Ickford, near Tame, is a very worthy, honest Gentleman, and is well versed (as his Father was before him) in our Common-Law. He hath many Children.

Yesterday, at the Town Sessions of Oxford, the Woman that poysoned her Husband [1] was condemn'd by the Recorder (who spoke very finely) to be burnt, her Crime being very plain [2].

April 28 (Sun.). On Friday Night last Mr. Wright (Deputy Recorder of Oxford) his Wife (being daughter of Mr. Heywood of Holy-well, & a very pretty Woman) was brought to bed of two Daughters.

Many of the Copies of Weever's Fun. Monuments wanting the Index or Table, the sd Index hath been lately reprinted, & is sold for 5s.

April 29 (Mon.). I was told last Night that when Mr. Denison, with young Dr. Bouchier & some others (for the Vice-Ch., &c., appear'd by their Council), were before the Atturney General on the 5th inst., the Atturney told them that it appear'd from the Records in the Tower, & other undoubted Evidence, that the King was formerly Visitor of Univ. Coll., & that it did not appear yt the Crown ever parted with that right. He ask'd Mr. Denison whether there were not the Arms of K. Ælfred some where in the Coll., by wch he was acknowledg'd as their Founder, whether he was not acknowledged as such in the Prayers before their Sermons, whether he was not mention'd as such in an annual Speech, with some other Interrogatories of yt kind. To all wch Denison pleaded Ignorance. At wch the Atturney said he could convince him from his own Speech, wch he had, being yt wch Denison had spoke at one of the Yearly Commemorations, in wch Ælfred was acknowledg'd Founder. The Atturney had before urg'd the same with respect to Prayers before University Sermons, to the Vice-Ch. by Letter, who said he knew nothing of ye Matter, wch is notoriously false. Dr. Bouchier said not one word. The Atturney told them he was to lay the Matter before the King, who from the Records appear'd to have the Right, that it lay upon them to shew that the Crown had parted with it, & then that his Majesty would recede if they could prove any such thing, but yt otherwise he would insist upon it, & yt the Matter should be decided by him.

April 30 (Tu.). On Wednesday last the Sessions began at the Old Baily, when Sally Salisbury was try'd for an Assault upon the Hon. Mr. Finch, with an Intent to murder him; she was found guilty of the former, and acquitted of the latter. This Sally Salisbury (now 32 Years of Age) is [. . . . . .] extreme handsome, & of a fluent tongue.

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[1] Mrs. Meads.

[2] See below, May 16. [It should be May 17.]

The same Day the 4 Watermen of Isleworth were try'd for the Murther of Anne Bristow, upon Smallbury-Green, and acquitted for want of positive Evidence.

May 1 (Wed.). I am inform'd that my Friend, Dr. Mead, hath lately purchas'd the Head of a very old Statue of Homer. It is very fine, & represents him blind, & is said to have been part of the Arundel Collection. What is become of ye lower part, I know not. It was valued at 300 Guineas, but the Dr. had it for 50 Guineas.

I am told that Dr. Mead hath a MS. of Vida *de conservatione Reipublicæ*, & that he hath offered it to Mr. Tristram of Pembroke Coll., Oxon., to print, wch Tristram hath already published part of Vida, that had been printed many times before.

May 2 (Th.). Yesterday died Mrs. Hanks, Wife of Mr. Hanks, Victualler at the Cross Keys in the Corn Market, Oxon.[1] Her Maiden Name was Brookland, being Sister to Mr. Joseph Brookland, one of the Compositors at the Theatre Printing House, who is a very good Workman, & a great lover of Antiquities, as is his Nephew (another of ye Theatre Compositors), Mr. Wm Ellis, whose Father lives at Sunningwell, near Abbington, & is Minister of Kennington.

Among other Things, Jacob Tonson hath printed a Grubstreet Ed. of Homer's Ilias, with the Latin at the End. The Editor (tho' his Name is not added), I believe, is Michael Mattaire, who hath follow'd (he saith) Mr. Barnes for the most part.

May 3 (Fri.). Lent me last Night, by Mr. Browne of Univ. Coll., the following thing in folio, printed, but not yet published: *A Vindication of the Proceedings at University College in the late Election of Mr. Cockman to be Master of that College. In Answer to a Pamphlet entituled,* The Proceedings of the Visitors, *&c.*, vindicated; Lond., 1723.

May 4 (Sat.). Last Night call'd upon me Mr. — Eyston of Gray's Inn (one of the Brothers of my late excellent Friend, Charles Eyston, of East Hendred, Berks., Esq.). There was with him Mr. Web, a young Gentleman of very great hopes, who is his relation.

He told me his Brother Charles's Books had been priz'd by a Bookseller at 50 libs., but that they cost him above 300 libs. I told him this

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May 3, [1723]. **G. Hearne to H.** (Rawl. 28. 108). Many thanks for letter and present enclosed. 'I Continue uery ill Still, being not able to help my Self, and it being now fine wether, I Should be Glad to See you heare, for I don't know how long I Shall continue heare.' Mr. Griffyth is also very ill. [This letter is not in George Hearne's handwriting.]

May 4, 1723. **J. Bridges to H.** (Rawl. 13. 115). Was just writing when he received H.'s of the 29th. Sorry Mr. Rance is out of order. Remarks on Robert of Gloucester. Next week the Rev. Joseph Sparke, Register to the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough, will publish his Scriptores Anglicani; the first part is dedicated to Dr. Mead, the second to J. B. 'However, you are

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[1] She was buried at St. Peter's in the Baily, on Friday Night.

was only in matter of Form for the Inventory to be given into Court, where the Prices are usually nothing near the true value. I told him the Books were really worth at least five Hundred Pounds, many of them being extreme scarce. He said Madam Eyston did not design to part with one, but to keep them for her eldest Son, young Mr. Eyston, now at Doway.

He told me yt he paid eight Shillings some Years agoe for Ant. Harmer (or Hen. Wharton's) Specimen of Errors in Burnet's Hist. of the Ref. What made it so scarce was the Bp's buying all he could up. He said he bought this for his Brother Charles.

He told me yt Mr. Basset's Book agt Mr. Dodwell was half printed before Mr. Dodwell dyed, & yt it must not therefore be look'd upon as a piece of Rudeness to the Ashes of ye Dead, having been quite finish'd (as to the writing) some Years before Mr. Dodwell's Death.

He assur'd me yt the Bells of East Hendred rung backward when Dr. Holland (Warden of Merton Coll.) was made Rector of that Living, the Dr. giving the Ringers but a Crown, whereas the Custom was a Guinea.

May 5 (Sun.). The sd Mr. Eyston assur'd me yesterday (when he dined with me [and] with Mr. Web) that Aylmer, who turn'd Protestant a few Years agoe, & preached a Recantation Sermon at Cairfax, Oxon., was a sad, drunken Fellow, when a Roman Catholick. This Aylmer is now Minister of Warton, in Loynsdale Hundred in Lancashire. There is nothing in his Sermon but what hath been said & reply'd to over & over before.

He told me yt Mr. Gilbert Knowles, who lately writ & published *Materia Medica Botanica*, in 4to, is a Benedictine Monk, something more than 50 Years of Age.

Darcy Dawes, Esq., eldest Son of the Archbp of York, was lately married to Mrs. Roundle of that City, a fortune of 3000 l. & 500 l. per Annum. He is about 19 Years of Age, & she about 15.

Last Monday Dr. Edm. Gibson, Bp of Lincoln, was elected (by virtue of the Conge d'Elire), by the Dean & Chapter of St. Paul's, Bp of London.

A few days since died of the Small-Pox Mrs. Napier, Daughter of Sir Theophilus Napier, of Luton-Hall in Bedfordshire, Bart., & Sister of Sir John Napier, Bart., now a young Nobleman (of great hopes) of Balliol Coll. in Oxon., who was to have pd ten thousand Pounds out of his Estate to this Sister, had she liv'd, but now 'tis secure to himself.

Last Wednesday died Grey Nevile, Esq., Member of Parl. for Berwick upon Tweed, at his Seat (Billingbere) near Twyford, in the County

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mentioned with that respect you deserve, and I intend to present you with a Copy of the Book, if Dr. Mead has not given you any intimation of his design to do the same.'

May 6, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 125). 'My Compositor, being now pretty well recovered, attends his Business again, tho' the Gout being settled in his right Hand, 'tis with Difficulty that he works.' Thanks for intended present: has heard nothing about it from Dr. Mead. Remarks on Robert of Gloucester.

of Berks., a Gentleman good for nothing, being debauch'd, & of no Principles of Virtue or Religion, but a down right Republican.

The Sessions ending Saturday, April 27, Sarah Pretteyn, alias Sally Salisbury, having been convicted of assaulting and wounding the Hon. John Finch, Esq., was to pay 100 l., to suffer twelve Months' Imprisonment, & to find Securities for her good behaviour for two years after.

May 7 (Tu.). It having been extreme dry ever since the Thunder Shower of April 20th last, last Night, abt eight Clock, we had another Thunder Shower for abt an hour, abt 8 Clock. But it was nothing equal to that of Apr. 20th.

Dr. Hudson was elected Librarian of ye Bodl. Library on April 11th, 1701.

May 8 (Wed.). I saw t'other day, in a late Philosophical Transaction, a Discourse to shew that the French or foul distemper is the same with the Leprosy, wch opinion is singular, & what I could not but look upon as a paradox.

There are two Books, in 8vo, come out about the Life of Mrs. Sally Salisbury, one of half a Crown Price (with her Picture before it), the other 12d. price, without her Picture. In the latter, 'tis said the celebrated Poet, Matthew Prior, Esq., had to do with her, & that one of her Admirers was the Ld Bullingbroke, who, indeed, is noted for an amorous Man.

Mr. Benj. Cole told me to-day yt he hath been employ'd to copy the Arms of K. Ælfred at Univ. Coll., & to attest it upon Oath, & that for his Copy he had half a Guinea.

This Morning died of a ling'ring distemper of the Rheumatism Matthew Bury, Under Buttler of Queen's Coll., aged above three score.

May 9 (Th.). I was told last Night that Mr. [Ralph] Web (the Senior Proctor for the last Year) of Magd. Coll., in his Speech in the Convocation House at laying down his Office (April 24 last), among other things, spoke in Commendation of the late Mr. Thomas Collins of Magd. Coll. (wch was proper enough for him to do), & (wch I wonder at) of Dr. Felton (upon account of his pretending to Classical Learning), Principal of Edmd Hall, as if it were happy for such a Man to come from the Country to be Head of a Hall.

One Dr. Hancock, a Divine, hath written & printed an 8vo Book (whereof I think there are 3 Editions) to shew the Cure of Feavers by drinking cold Water, to wch is come out a merry, comical Answer by Gabriel John.

May 10 (Fri.). I am well assur'd that Dr. Edward Wells (for I have very little Acquaintance with him myself) is a most violent, passionate Man. He is certainly a most hasty, inconsiderate Writer, & most of his Things are look'd upon as light & weak, & done chiefly to get a penny, he being found to be very covetous, otherwise he would not so shamefully & scandalously neglect his rich Living of Bletchley in Bucks., & keep and live upon that of Cottesbitch in Leycestershire,

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May 7, 1723. P. Harcourt to H. (Rawl. 7. 28). [See Diary, May 20.]

Mr. Willis giving him Bletchley with a prospect of his residing upon it & doing good there, as his Predecessors us'd to do. He pretended to have been much out of Pocket in building a Parsonage House at Cottesbitch, but I am well assur'd that he got Money by it, it being done by Contributions, & much more Money rais'd than would do it, the overplus of wch he put into his own Pocket, instead of giving it to the poor, about wch time (under the pretence of Piety) he writ and publish'd an 8vo Book about Building Churches. He got a great deal of Money by his Maps, done many Years agoe, having had rash Subscriptions, but alass! they are poor, paultry things, & not minded. He hath just put to the Press a Paraphrase upon the old Testamt, to get more Money. Some time agoe he publish'd a little thing containing Propositions to demonstrate K. George's rightfull Title to the Crown of England, wch caus'd good sport; but this was done with a design to get Preferment, but 'twould not do.

Yesterday died at his House at Long Hanborough, near Woodstock, Tho. Bouchier, D. Civ. Law, aged about ninety. He was formerly Regius Professor of ye Civil Law in Oxon., but resign'd it, having first so contrived the Matter that his Son should be his Successor, as, indeed, he is, but a very illiterate one. The Father, indeed, had good Skill, but he was a most vile, abominable Wretch, & would do any Thing for Money. This old Man died Principal of Alban Hall, wch he let utterly go to ruin, minding nothing at all of it (the Gate being shut up, & no body in it), whilst himself lived at Hanborough, & carried on the way of adding one Estate there to another[1].

May 11 (Sat.). Yesterday going into a Bookseller's shop, I saw just come out a most vile 8vo Book, by Whiston, that abominable Arrian, to prove that the Canticles, or Song of Solomon, is not part of the Sacred Code.

Yesterday died of a Palsy (with which he had been grievously afflicted many years, & went, in a manner, double) Mr. Cripps of Oxford, who was formerly a Millener (but gave over his Trade), & was once Mayor of Oxford. He dyed rich. He was a great Whigg. His younger Brother is now Rectr of Appleton, near Abbington in Berks., having been formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll., & is Dr. of Div.

May 12 (Sun.). Since Xtmass last a Branch hath been put up for Lights in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford, & some of the Seats made to run upon Wheels, & the Effigies of St. Peter & St. Paul over the Porch, as well as the Dyal also over the Porch, have been new done.

This Morning died Joseph Stevens, one of ye Brothers of Henry Stevens (of Cat-Street, Victualler, who died lately), being a very honest, harmless Fellow (& for his honesty commonly called trusty), but married to a very ill woman, who brought him into distress[2].

Last Week resign'd his Fellowship of All Souls College Sir Nathaniel

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[1] He was buried in Church Hanborough Church yard, Saturday in the Afternoon, May 11th.

[2] Buried in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, in wch last parsh he lived, Tuesday, May 14.

Lloyd, Head of a House in Cambridge, who hath most scandalously kept the sd Fellowship a great many Years, notwithstanding his being at the same time Head of a Colledge in Cambridge, of wch he hath been also V. Chanc.

May 13 (Mon.). A sham Plot having been contriv'd, & the Bp of Rochester[1] being accus'd as one in it (they having forg'd three Letters in his Name in cipher, wch Wills, the Decipherer, hath interpreted), last Week his Ldship was upon his Trial, but was hindered making his Defence. However, he spoke a most excellent Speech, of more than 2 hours long, in delivering wch he is said to have fainted away twice, having been strangely harass'd & insulted.

Charles Aldrich, D.D., Rector of Henley upon Thames, on the Thanksgiving day (for preserving us from the Plague), on the 25th of April last, preached before the House of Commons, & his Sermon (by their Order) is just printed, but, wch I am sorry for, 'tis poor, canting stuff, altogether whiggish & flattering, against the poor K. (James III) & honest Men, & as much in praise of the D. of Brunswick & his Government & those that are for him. But poor Charles hath a bad, vexatious, furious Wife, that pushes him on to these Things, being angry yt he is not preferr'd. There is also false History in the Sermon. For, whereas he dates the firm Establishmt of the Protestant Religion from the very beginning of Q. Elizabeth's Reign, it is manifestly wrong. For the Popish Religion continued for a considerable time, her Counsellors were Popish, & the Liturgy, too, Popish, for several Years.

May 14 (Tu.). There is just come out, in 8 Pages in folio, an English Poem call'd, *The Golden Farmer*, by Thomas Wilkes, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxon., & Rector of Hampsteed, near Gloucester. 'Tis pitifull Stuff, the Author, indeed, being no better than a Mad-man.

And Mr. Charles Wheatly, late Fellow of St. John Baptist's Coll., Oxon., hath just printed a Sermon about the Trinity, intitled, *The Credibility of Holy Mysteries*, at the end of wch is the Athanasian Creed, briefly paraphrased by a learned Hand.

May 15 (Wed.). Mr. Ivy hath given us a 2d Edition of his Epictetus, Gr. Lat., in wch there is a very excellent Translation in Latin verse, but then this Work is printed in a less form than the first Edition. Mr. Ivy was several Years about this Translation, & it expresses the Sense of the Original better than any other Translation wtsoever, as, I remember, it was well observ'd by many good Judges soon after the first Edition came out.

May 16 (Th.). Mr. Jebb (who hath just printed the 1st Vol. of his Ed. of Aristides), being with me last night, told me that some Posthumous Works of Dempster, all about Antiquities, are lately printed in Italy, in several Vols., in folio, and that they are every day exspected over.

Last Night, about eleven a Clock, died of a Consumption, at Stratford upon Avon, Mrs. Eliz. Batten, Wife of Mr. Arden Batten, and Daughter

[1] Dr. Francis Atterbury.

of Mr. John Rance (the Elder), of Holywell in Oxford, one of the Theater Printers. This Mrs. Batten was born in May, 1696[1], and was a pretty, ingenious, sprightly young Woman, & went with her Husband (who is a Physician) to live at Stratford, a little after Michaelmass last[2].

May 17 (Fri.). They have just reprinted Norden's Hartfordshire & Middlesex, with his Preparative to his Speculum, all done by hungry Booksellers to get a Penny, as they reprint many other Things out of a mercenary Design (wch ought not to be encouraged), among wch is Brooks's Discovery of Errors in Camden, with Camden's Defence of himself, wch is newly come out also.

This day, about half an hour after nine Clock in the Morning, Mrs. Hannah Meads, that poysoned her Husband[3], was executed at Green Ditch (now New Parks), about half a Mile North from Oxford. She was first strangled, & then she was burnt to Ashes. She was Penitent, & confess'd the Fact. Her Father's Name is Scarsebrook. He is a Collar Maker, & lives at Combe (where she was born), near Woodstock, but he hath a very ill character [.....].

May 18 (Sat.). Abt two Months agoe died the Revd Mr. Alexander Ford, B.D., Rector of Remenham in Berks. He was formerly Fellow of Jesus Coll. in Oxford, but after he became Rector of Remenham, he married a young Wife, & lived & died there. He was a good sort of Man.

On Sunday last the Lady of Mountague Gerard Drake, Esq., one of the Knights of the Shire for Bucks., was brought to Bed of a Son, to the great joy of that worthy Family.

May 19 (Sun.). Yesterday Morning, betw. 2 and 3 Clocke, dyed Sir Daniel Webb, of Oxford, Knight, a Man of excellent good sense (I think, beyond any other Citizen of Oxford), and of great Humanity. He was pleasant and facetious in company, & much beloved. He was a Painter by trade, but his Circumstances were but mean, occasion'd by his Customers (many of wch were Country Gentlemen), who were backward in paying him. He was Mayor when the Duke of Brunswick was crown'd, & was knighted at the Coronation[4].

Mr. Wiccombe, a Mercer of Oxford, told me to-day that he hath got a MS. thing (partly Latin & partly English) deducing their Pedigree

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May 18, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 142). 'Mr. Rance having for some time since you left Oxford been afflicted with the Gout, we have not been able to finish Heming so soon as was exspected.' The work is now done, and the Vice-Chancellor has given permission for Robert of Gloucester to be printed. Wants the second part of Tom Britton's Catalogue, containing the books that were sold after his death.

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[1] See above, under March 6th.

[2] She was buried in Holywell Church, Oxon., on May 18 in the Evening, being brought that day in a Herse from Stratford.

[3] Robert Meads.

[4] He was buried in All-Halows Church, on Tuesday Night, May 21.

from W^m of Wickham. He is of the Wiccombes of Garsington, near Oxford.

May 20 (Mon.). Last Tuesday William Morgan, Esq., Knight of the Shire for Monmouth, a very rich Commoner, was married to the Lady Rachel Cavendish, eldest Daughter to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

Out of a Letter written to me by Philip Harcourt, Esq., dated from the Inner Temple, 7^th^ May, 1723:—

—— I have lately been in Kent, & to shew you y^t^ I am not forgetfull of my good Friend, wherever I am, I will take the liberty to send you an Inscription w^ch^ I found on a fair Monument in the Parish Church of Nettlesteed, four Miles from Maidstone in the same Countie, w^ch^ take as follows:—

'Here lieth the Body of Elizabeth Stafford, Daughter to S^r^ William Stafford, of Blatherwicke in the Countie of Northampton, Knight, & to Dame Dorothy Stafford, the Daughter of Henry, L^d^ Stafford, eldest son to Edward, the last Duke of Buckingham. She was first maried to S^r^ William Drury, of Haisted in the Countie of Suffolke, Knight, By whome she had two Sonnes & four Daughters, & afterwards to S^r^ John Scott, of Nettlesteed in y^e^ Countie of Kent, Knight; in y^e^ time of Queene Mary, she lived in exile w^th^ Her Mother at Geneva (where her Father dyed), & after at Basil for y^e^ Gospell's Sake; at her Returne, she was made a Lady of y^e^ Bedchamber & Privy Chamber to Queene Elizabeth. She dyed y^e^ 6 of February, in the year of her Redeemer 1598, & in y^e^ 49 year of Her Adge.'

There are some misspellings, w^ch^ you must excuse, since it is an exact Coppy; the Lady being a descendant of so great a Man as the last Duke of Bucks. of the Name of Stafford, & she being so well rewarded for her Adherence to Protestancy, I thought it worthy of Note.

Near the Church are y^e^ Ruins of a very Noble Seat, w^ch^ formerly belong'd to the Scotts, w^ch^ Queen Elizabeth had often honour'd with her Presence; there is little left but y^e^ Cellars, w^ch^ are very fine.

Altho' I know you've no regard for any thing y^t^ is modern, I will take y^e^ liberty to trouble you with an Inscription on a Stone in Haddlow Church Yard, w^thin^ 4 miles of Tonbridge, compos'd by y^e^ Vicar, w^ch^ is as dull as an old Frier w^d^ have wrote 300 years agoe:—

'Death hath added to this place the Body of M^rs^. Silance Carnel, y^e^ beloved wife of M^r^. Tho^s^ Carnel of this Parish. She dyed Nov. 16, Anno Domini 1714, Ætat. suæ 77.

Death, why doest tho[u] grin so this sad Day,
Wherein thou hast cropt a Flower of May?
Thy Harvest is no Wheat, but Darnel,
Thou hast gott the Shell, but Heaven the Carnel.'

May 21, 1723. H. to P. Harcourt (Diaries, 96. 146). Received letter of 7th instant, and left enclosure at Worcester College. Thanks for inscriptions. One of them is very odd, worse than any old friar's H. has ever met with. Such epitaphs came up since the Revolution. 'Which when Queen Elizabeth saw, she set out a Book of Epitaphs herself, w^ch^ put a stop to the Practise for at least her time, tho' afterwards it came in fashion again.' Has just finished Heming, and is going to print Robert of Gloucester.

May 21, 1723. C. Gray to H. (Rawl. 15. 34). Apologizes for not replying sooner. Hearing from Mr. Baker that a copy of the Glastonbury Roll would be acceptable, has had one made, but fears it is very incorrect. If of use to H., will have it examined with the original. 'I have taken some pleasure in collecting a small Cabinet of this sort of Curiosities, and if you'll let me know any particular County or place which you would chiefly give yourself the

May 22 (Wed.). Yesterday going into the Shop of one Web, a Bookseller (or rather, a Bookbinder, for this is his Trade, tho' he hath given it off), he shew'd me the 1st Vol. of Jac. Gronovius's Ed. of Livy, & he hath got the other two also, wch Vol. hath many things writ in it by my late best Friend, Francis Cherry, Esq., being various readings (for the most part) from [a] New Coll. MS., but there is nothing in the Book of any moment but I have in my Ed. of Livy, Mr. Cherry having lent me this Book when I was about that Work, at wch time I had the use also of the MSSt itself of New College, Dr. Brathwayte, the Warden, letting me have a room in his Lodgings, where I collated it.

In Easter Week last the Daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Juggins, the Cook, was married to one Mr. Combes, an Oxford Bookseller, whose Father was an Oxford Scholar, & hath been dead some Years. She is about 17 or 18 Years of Age, a pretty body, and a good Fortune to Combes.

May 23 (Th.). There is the Stump of the Stake at wch Hannah Meads was burnt still remaining at Green Ditch. It is just on the right Hand of the Road leading to Bicester, whereas they us'd to be executed on the left hand just in the Ditch, whereas [*sic*] this Execution was done rather on this side the Ditch.

On Monday last died one Mr. Matthews, Butler of Hart Hall, and was buried on Tuesday Night in Holywell Church Yard, of which Place he was a Parishioner. He was look'd upon as an honest, quiet Man. He was Butler of that Hall many Years, and got Money, being said to have died worth at least fifteen hundred Pounds. He was a single Man, and abt four Years agoe was one of the Overseers of Holywell, my Printer, Mr. Rance, being the other. He died of a Mortification in one of his Feet. He hath a Brother living in St. Peter's Parish in the East, of wch Parish he is one of the Church Wardens for this Year. He made this Brother his Executor, who having three Children that are Daughters, he hath given (as 'tis said) three hundred Pounds to the eldest of these Daughters, two hundred Pounds to the second, & two hundred Pounds to the third.

May 24 (Fri.). In the year 1528 was printed at London, in 4to, the Life of Richd I, or Ceur de Lyon, in old English Meeter. Who the Author was, I know not. I must ask Mr. Murray or some body about

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trouble of enquiring into, whatever I have relating to it shall be very much at your service.'

May 21, 1723. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 75). Will be glad to see Heming. 'As to Robt of Gloucester, I cannot but think You propose to Print too small a Number; he is so considerable an Author that I believe you will find more Subscribers than you are providing for.' Subscribes for 15 copies.

May 22, 1723. Peter Le Neve to H. (Rawl. 8. 163). Has sent three MSS. which H. wished to see. Hopes to have them again before the 10th of next month.

May 23, 1723. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 96. 149). On receipt of letter of 21st instant, put down R. M. for 15 large copies of Robert of Gloucester, and resolved to add 10 to the number. Has heard of a Roman inscription lately found at Chichester.

it. It is probably the same with that in the Continuation of Rob^{t} of Gloucester in the Heralds' Office.

May 25 (Sat.). On Thursday, the 16th inst., between eleven and twelve, the L^{d} Teynham, an English Peer, one of the Lords of the Bedchamber to K. George, shot himself through the Head with a Pistol, at his House in Haymarket, and died about an Hour after. He was 47 years of age, left 3 Children by his first Lady, none by his next, 2 by his last, Daughter to the late Earl of Sussex, who, we hear, is now with Child. His L^{d}ship had some time ago renounc'd the Roman Catholick Religion, and deviated from the Virtue & honesty of the Ropers, his Predecessors, of w^{ch} there are many buried at Eltham (near Sittenbourn) in Kent, where he was privately interr'd (for he was brought in *non compos mentis*), on Saturd. Night, May 18. It is said y^{t} he had given his vote ag^{t} the B^{p} of Rochester, & became immediately disordered.

May 26 (Sun.). Yesterday they began to turn the Water at Magdalen Bridge, Oxon., in order to make the Bridge considerably wider or broader than it is at present, so that the Stream is to run all down by the Physick Garden, the East End of the Bridge being to be done first. This Bridge is said once not to have been hardly half so big as it is now. In Henry the 3$^{d's}$ time there was no Bridge here, as Leland observes in his Itinerary, Vol. 8, p. 130: *Where as now* (saith he) *the Bridge of Stone is ovar* Charwell, *by* Magdalen *Colledge, was a* trajectus, *or Fery, in Kynge* Henry *the third's Dayes, caulyd* Steneford.

Some time last Night died D^{r}. John Hammond, Canon of X^{t} Church, Oxford, aged about 84 Years. He took y^{e} Degree of M.A., Nov. 23, 1664, y^{t} of B.D., Nov. 27, 1679, & that of D.D., May 8, 1680. He went out Grand Compounder for both these last Degrees. He dyed of a Dropsy, & desired (for he had his Senses to y^{e} last) to be buried next Tuesday[1], between 7 & 8 Clock at Night. When he was a young Man, he was very weak & infirm, & 'twas not exspected he would live long. His Physician advis'd him to use a Horse, w^{ch} he submitted to, but was so very ill that at first he could hardly go through X^{t} Church Quadrangle (for in those times Horses & Coaches were not suffered to come into the Quadrangle, tho' it be otherwise now), & was not able to get up[on] the Horse of himself; but, after a little use, he grew strong & healthy, & so continued, tho' it was Exercise that did it (for he was a very great Rider & Hunter), w^{ch} he was oblig'd through old Age to leave off for some

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May 25, 1723. **J. Bridges to H.** (Rawl. 3. 89). Received H.'s of the 6th and 18th. Went to discourse with Dr. Mead about Robert of Gloucester. H. may depend upon the Supplement from the Cotton Library, as soon as he wants it. 'We are both of Opinion that it will be a Book very imperfect and unintelligible without a Glossary; and if you persist in not undertaking it, some body must be found out for that Task, as to which you would do well to give your farther Answer to D^{r}. Mead.'

May 25, 1723. **J. Joye to H.** (Rawl. 7. 105). Has received advertisements, which he looks upon as a civil reminder that he has not paid for Dodwell de Parma. Sends money for that and Robert of Gloucester. Wishes to continue a subscriber.

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[1] Accordingly, he was buried in the Cathedral of X^{t} Ch. on Tuesday night.

time before he died, otherwise he might have held out much longer. 'Tis probable y^t his Distemper, when young, might be a dropsical Humour, w^ch was expell'd by Exercise, & return'd when he gave over Exercise. He was a Man y^t did not read much, & was not noted for any Learning. When I came first to Oxford, I remember I heard him preach at X^t Church (& I do not know y^t he hath preach'd since), when 'twas said it was y^e best Sermon he ever preach'd in his Life. His Wife (who was a mighty fine Woman) hath been dead many Years, I think near 30. She was a great Gamester.

10 **May 29 (Wed.).** Ab^t a Fortnight before D^r. Atterbury, B^p of Rochester, was imprisoned, he made D^r. Charles Aldrich his Chaplain,

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May 27, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 96. 155). Wrote formerly to Dr. Mead about a glossary. 'As to what you say that *it will be a Book very imperfect and unintelligible without a Glossary*, I must humbly beg leave to deny the former part of these words; but as to the latter part of them, I readily own it, provided they be put thus, that *it will be a Book very unintelligible to some people without a Glossary*. But then, who those *some People* are, I know not. Let them be who they will, Glossaries are already done to their hands. . . . They might as well exspect that I should write, or rather transcribe, a Grammar for them. For (with Submission) even a Grammar is as requisite as a Glossary for understanding this Author; . . . but as to writing either a particular Grammar or Glossary to it, in my humble opinion it will be rather an ostentatious than a necessary Undertaking. . . . I wish rather that the great Work of Francis Junius were printed, & that such Words in Robert of Gloucester as he hath not one way or other taken notice of . . . were inserted.' If he receives the Supplement to Robert of Gloucester in two months' time, it will be soon enough. [PS.] 'I should have observ'd that Rob^t of Glouc. will be very unintelligible to some people unless, besides a Grammar & Glossary, a Metaphrase or Modern Dress be also added.' [Hearne has added this note later:—'NB. Since I writ this Letter to M^r. Bridges, I resolv'd upon a Glossary, and accordingly I drew up and printed one, to the great Satisfaction of the curious, there being indeed in it many words no where else.']

May 28, 1723. H. to C. Gray (Diaries, 96. 159). C. G.'s letter of the 21st is a fresh instance of his readiness to serve H. in his public designs. 'These are extraordinary Favours, & deserve the greatest Acknowledgm^ts. I live very recluse & retired, & therefore there is no probability of my taking a Journey into your parts; but since I believe I shall have an opportunity of publishing the Roll, . . . I should be glad to have it compar'd, & to that end would transmitt it to you, if I knew how to do it safely.' If there is anything about Culham in C. G.'s collections, would be glad of an account.

May 28, 1723. M. Fothergill to H. (Rawl. 5. 106). Hears from Mr. Bedford that H. is putting out Glastonbury. 'Suppose at once by consent wee cut down all preliminary and succeding troubles, and clause up all in finisht strokes. Y^u accept me a Subscriber to Glassenbury and preserve a book for me, and, when finisht, send it to my house by any friend, at y^r leisure, who on y^r account shall both finde a hearty welcom and gratefull, prompt paym^t for y^r Book.' Is Battely's Antiquitates Rutupinæ to be got at Oxford? 'Or is the Chancellor of Norw^ch making further advances as to Monastick notices?'

May 28, 1723. T. Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 97). Wants his copy of Heming sent with Dr. Worth's by the Windsor carrier. Expects Mr. Harcourt in the neighbourhood shortly. Will order the money by Booth, the College butler.

who, notwithstanding this, hath most ungratefully abus'd the Bp in his foolish Sermon that I have mentioned above, under May 13, forgetting also wt a great Friend the Bp had been to him formerly, when he had not had any of his Uncle's Books, had it not been for the Bp, the Canons of Xt Ch. being unwilling that Charles should have any, tho' Dean Aldrich had desired he might have wt Xt Ch. Library had before. 'Tis remarkable that the first Sunday after the Bp had made him his Chaplain, Charles pray'd for the Bp in Henly Church, but left him out the next Sunday, and never mention'd him afterwards, 'till he call'd him Conspirator in his Sermon. The Night before he preach'd this Sermon, being with Mr. Nicoll (2d Master of Westminster School), he read this Sermon over to him. After he had read it, he told Mr. Nicoll that he should disoblige all his Friends by this Sermon, but, however, that it must be preach'd as it was writ, after wch he drank to such an Excess as to forget his Sermon & leave it behind him, wch raised some thoughts in Mr. Nicoll to burn it, but, upon 2d thoughts, he return'd it to him, and gave him friendly Advice.

May 30 (Th.). Yesterday being the Restauration of K. Charles II, the Sermon before the University was preached at St. Marie's by Dr. Henry Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall, but I hear it was sad, wrettched, miserable Stuff, and one of the worst ever preached in that place. He run out, it seems, against Papists (forgetting that the Papists were the Instrumts of preserving, & in good measure of restoring, that Prince), Conspiracies, & I know not wt. A Gentleman, afterwards meeting with two or three of the Fellows of Queen's College, wish'd them joy of their new Principal. *Oh!* say they, *Dr. Felton did it only to banter the present Conspiracy*, as if the pulpit were a proper Place for banter.

Upon account of the said Restauration day, the Oxford Market was kept on Tuesday, & not (as it should otherwise have been) yesterday, the Mayor ordering it to be so cry'd, wch exasperated many of the Whiggs, who said it was an Affront to K. George, whose Birth day was on Tuesday.

May 31 (Fri.). It having been extream dry ever since the 6th of May last (when there was a little Thunder Shower), last Night we had a little Rain, the Moon being then just at 1st Quarter.[1]

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June 1 (Sat.). On the 29th of May, 1723, I look'd over an old Rental relating to Hanyndone in Wiltshire, being lent me by Mr. Morgan of that Place. The said Rental is thus intitled:—

Hanyndone. Computus Johannis Freman[2], præpositi ibidem dominorum [*sic*]

June 1, 1723. M. Fothergill to H. (Rawl. 14. 131). Had the favour of H.'s last night. Sorry to have lost Glastonbury. Subscribes for Heming,

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[1] Since that [it] was very hot & dry 'till June 4th, when there was a pretty little shower in the Evening.

[2] *Roberti Sauerey* is struck out, & *Johannis Freman* writ over Head, ye same Rental serving Freman, who immediately succeeded Saverey as Provost.

Decani Ecclesiæ novæ Collegiatæ Beatæ Mariæ Leicestra [*sic*], Festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli, Anno regis Henrici sexti post conquestum xiiij, usque idem festum extunc proximum sequens, anno dicti regis xv^mo^, sic per unum annum integrum.

[Extracts from this MS. omitted.]

June 2 (Whitsun.). On Monday Morning last died at his House at Goodwood in Sussex, Charles Lenox, Duke of Richmond, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter. He was begotten by K. Charles the II^d^ on the body of *Lovisa de Querovall*, a Lady of French extraction, and an attendant on Henrietta, Dutchess of Orleans, when she came into England to give a visit to the K., her Brother, an. 1670. She was afterwards made Dutchess of Portsmouth. This Duke of Richmond, whom I saw some Years agoe, & conversed with in Oxford, was a Man of very little Understanding, & tho' the Son of so great a King as K. Charles II^d^, was a Man that struck in with every thing that was whiggish & opposite to true Monarchical Principles. He is succeeded in his Honour and Estate by his Son Charles, Earl of March.

Richard Chicheley, Esq., Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, succeeds the late D^r^. Bouchier as Commissary of the Diocess of Canterbury, and D^r^. Exton Sayer succeeds him as Official to the Archdeaconry of Canterbury.

June 3 (Mon.). This day Sennight K. George went to the House of Peers, and gave his Assent to many Bills, among w^ch^ are

An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty, by laying a Tax upon Papists and Nonjurors.

An Act to oblige all Persons being Papists in Scotland, and all Persons in Great Britain, refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the

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if not too late. 'Dr. Tanner goes forward in thoughts as to his notitia monastica: this hath been hinted to mee once and again from the late Bishop of Norwich. I want present strength to strike up to Gloucester's Chronicon.'

June 1, 1723. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 139). Received letter of the 24th ult. on his return from a journey. Is pleased that Heming is finished, and longs to see it. 'But would not by any means have had you been at the Expence of making me a Present of the large paper. . . . I was desirous of no other Return then the Satisfaction of having it communicated to the Publick, and much rather by you then any other.' Sends what is owing from subscribers. Hopes Mr. William Thomas of Exhall is not too late for a large copy. 'I had no more Gold, so was forc'd to send a Broad Piece and a French Guinea, the odds being not much.' Has enclosed the gold in an old book, which he desires H. to accept.

June 2, [1723]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 109). The Bishop of Ely's books are not yet touched: expects some of them will be opened this summer. If he can meet with Robert of Gloucester, hopes to satisfy H.'s inquiry. Knows nothing of Robert Moille, but will inquire of Dr. Tanner. Will be glad to see Heming. Wants copies for Dr. Middleton and himself, '& make us both subscribers for Rob^t^ of Glocester, who will be no less acceptable that you think him Honest. That good Qualification in your Author will help to sweeten your labor & toil, w^ch^ will be more then ordinary.'

Security of his Majesty's Person and Government by several Acts therein mentioned, to register their Names and real Estates.

An Act to inflict Pains and Penalties on John Plunket.

An Act to inflict Pains and Penalties on George Kelly, alias Johnson.

An Act to inflict Pains and Penalties on Francis, Lord Bishop of Rochester.

June 4 (Tu.). About a Fortnight since, Arthur Van Sittart, of Ormond-Street, Esq., a Gentleman of several thousand Pounds per annum, was married to a Daughter of Sir John Stonehouse, one of the Knights of the Shire for Berks. I think the said Van Sittart is the same that is now L^d^ of the Mannour of Shottesbrooke in Berks.[1]

A Pardon pass'd the Seals last Week for the late Lord Bolinbroke. By which it appears that what I formerly heard asserted by several, that this Lord is not a Man of Integrity, but a Traitour, & y^t^ he was one of those that hindered the Restauration of K. James III, is true.

June 5 (Wed.). On the 3^d^ Jan. last, M^r^. Darby O'Conner presented his Book, called, *A Translation of D^r^. Keating's General History of Ireland*, to the Prince of Wales (as they call him), being introduced by the Earl of Grantham. The s^d^ pretended Prince receiv'd M^r^. O'Conner with marks of Esteem and Favour (as 'tis said in one of the Prints), and his Book as a valuable Present.

June 6 (Th.). After the great Heats and Drought that we have had (for the little Rains I have mentioned were hardly perceiv'd), this Morning it began just before four Clock to rain hard, but not violently, & continued so 'till nine, which was five hours.

June 4, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 144). Has to-day sent copies of Heming for various subscribers (named), for which he has been paid in full. Please deliver Mr. Jett's parcel.

June 6, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 116). 'To answer your extraordinary Letter of the 27^th^ of May, touching a Glossary for Rob. of Glocester, I begin in your own way. You say it will be rather an ostentatious than a necessary Undertaking; you mean, I suppose, to some People, but who those some People are, you don't declare. Can the learned M^r^. Hearne be ignorant that where a Book is full of ancient Words and Phrases, it is usual to make Glossaries on purpose for such Books, . . . and yet that no Grammar is requisite, or any Metaphrase otherwise than an Explanation of ancient Words in modern ones, and how comes it to be unreasonable for your Subscribers to expect a Glossary for Rob. of Gloucester, which is more unintelligible than either of the others, as the Language is more ancient?' Wrote to Dr. Mead, since H. refused to write himself. 'But you have a very civil way of putting Trouble upon your Friends, which you are not disposed to undertake your self; and therefore, tho' you have the same Liberty of the Bodleyan as other People have, yet you chuse to debar your self from that place, and lazily wish that the great work of Fran. Junius were printed by some other Hand.' Has received copies of Heming. 'I had just time to read a remarkable Passage at the beginning of your Preface, as if your Readers have been marvellously delighted with your late History of Glastonbury. I can answer for some of your best Subscribers here in Town that they do not

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[1] He is so.

Yesterday I was at the Master of University College's Lodgings, at the Request of a lay Gentleman (who did not wear a Gown), and was shewn some MSS. that belong'd to Dr. Charlett, & three others that the Gentleman said did not belong to the Dr. Of wch three MSS. one is a folio on vellam, being an English Chronicle or History of England, ending in Henry IIId's Reign, another is a Vellam MS. in French abt K. Arthur & his Knights, & the 3d is a Philosophical MS. on Vellam, with some few things in it belonging to the Canon Law. Those that belong'd to Dr. Charlett are not many, nor very considerable. One of them is a fair paper MS. of Geffery of Monmouth, another a Vellam MS. of Orosius, a 3d a folio Paper MS. of Sr John Spelman's Life of K. Ælfred (but this Work I have printed), but this MS. hath not the Picture of K. Ælfred nor Sr John's Dedication; a 4th is an 8vo modern MS. of some of Tully's Epistles, a 5th & 6th (for they are both of the same kind) a Tract de septem sacramentis, a 7th a MS. in Latin about the 3 Kings of Cologn, with an English Translation of the same printed by Winken de Word, an 8th a printed Book in wch is Rich. de Bury's Philobibl. & one or two other scarce printed things, one of wch, as I remember, is printed by Winken de Word. The rest I do not well remember, having look'd them over but hastily, they appearing, as I have observ'd, not very considerable, at least with respect to the Discovery of any thing not already printed. Yet I should have mentioned one thing, wch I think considerable, among the Dr.'s MSS., and that is the 4to Ed. of Florence of Worcester, wth Dr. Langbaine's MSS. notes, a Book I have quoted in my Ed. of Sr John Spelman's Life of K. Ælfred.

June 7 (Fri.). On Wednesday last was a Convocation about the late Dr. Crew Bp of Durham's Benefaction to the University, in wch the Vice-Chancellour propos'd to them, whether they would consent that the Oratour should have so much a Year of it, wch was deny'd; (2dly)

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deserve to be numbered among those Benevolent Readers, to say no more.' [Note by Hearne:—' Mr. Bridges was very infirm, and in a very peevish condition, when this Letter was penn'd. He was angry at the Honesty shew'd in the History of Glastonbury, and so were some others. I was debarr'd the Bod. Libr. very unjustly, and new Keys made. I never submitted to the unjust proceedings, but kept away; for to ask Intruders for things would be to acknowledge their Authority.']

June 6, 1723. W. [Fleetwood, bp. of] Ely, to H. (Rawl. 5. 81). Received copy of Heming, and finds that he is indebted for Godstow also. Sends four guineas wrapped in a little parcel. There are many copies of Robert of Gloucester about, 'and I doubt not but you will give us the best, that is, the oldest.'

June 6, 1723. T. Granger to H. (Rawl. 6. 117). Thanks for letter of 6th instant and parcel containing Heming. Mr. Murray is expected in town immediately, and will then distribute his copies to subscribers. 'Sr, I had not patience, therefore had patience to Runn over these your last labours, wherein I perceive the Accuracy both of Author and Editor, and shall in a post or two direct my Nephew Gloster to Wait on you with two Guineas for your next large Robert of Gloucester.'

June 6, 1723. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 76). Hearty thanks for present of Heming. Urges H. to print a glossary to Robert of Gloucester. 'Is not a Glossary as necessary to this Book as to Chaucer?'

whether the Poetry Reader should have so much a Year of it, w^ch^ was deny'd; (3^dly^) whether an Experimental Philosophy Reader should have so much a year, w^ch^ was deny'd; (4^thly^) whether the Register of the V. Chancellour's Court should have so much a Year, w^ch^ was also deny'd. Upon w^ch^ the V. Chanc. went no farther, perceiving that they would deny every Article, as they certainly would, to his no small vexation. The reason of their being so much set against him is chiefly on account of his late Behaviour with respect to University College.

June 8 (Sat.). Out of Mist's Journal for this day:—

By Acts of Parliam^t^ lately pass'd for inflicting Pains and Penalties, &c., it is provided That John Plunket shall be kept in close Custody, without Bail or Mainprize, during the Pleasure of His Majesty (K. G.), his Heirs and Successors, in any Goal or Prison within the Kingdom of Great Britain, and made Felony, without Benefit of the Clergy, for him to escape out of Prison, or for any to assist him to make such Escape.

George Kelly, alias Johnson, is subjected to the like Pains and Penalties.

Francis[1], Lord Bishop of Rochester, was, on June the 1^st^, depriv'd of all his Offices, Dignities, Promotions, and Benefices Ecclesiastical, and for ever rendered incapable of enjoying any such within his Majesty's Dominions; to be banish'd out of the same, and to suffer perpetual Exile; to depart on or before the 25^th^ of this Instant June; Felony for him to return, and, on Conviction thereof, to suffer as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy, and to be utterly incapable of Pardon from his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; Felony to assist him to return, and to harbour or conceal him, and also to Correspond with him after the said 25^th^ of June, without License for that Purpose under the Sign Manual.

June 10 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal of June 8^th^, 1723:—

His Majesty having been pleased to grant his most gracious Pardon to Henry S. John, late L^d^ Viscount Bolingbroke, the said Pardon has pass'd the Seals.

His Majesty having been pleased to order a Conge d'Elire to pass the Seals

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June 8, 1723. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 14. 51). Would have answered H.'s letter sooner, had he not taken a journey to Cambridge, 'w^ch^, upon View, appears much inferiour to Oxford in every Part & Circumstance of an University.' Has been ill three months, and is advised to go to France for recovery. Hopes to see H. at Oxford before he starts. Wants his books sent as usual. 'M^r^. Nicholl of Westminster School has purchased the Bishop of Rochester's Library, and I hear for 800 p^ds^, much less than was expected, but I suppose severall Books have been taken out, w^ch^ made it so much cheaper Bargain.'

June 9, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 97. 17). Received letter of 6th instant. 'I am sorry that you should say & report about that I debarr'd my self from the Bodlejan Library, when the contrary is so well known. I print Explications (as I always design'd to do) with Rob^t^ of Gloucester.'

June 9, 1723. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 97. 15). 'Your Letters are all so very kind that I cannot but acknowledge my Obligations to you.' Will add abundance of glosses to Robert of Gloucester. Believes that 80 large copies will be too many rather than too few, but with R. M.'s extraordinary encouragement, will venture on that number.

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[1] Atterbury.

for electing the R^t^ Rev. D^r^. Richard Reynolds, Lord B^p^ of Bangor, into the See of Lincoln, the Election was accordingly made by the Dean & Chapter of Lincoln, on the 29^th^ of May last.

His Majesty has been pleased to order a Conge d'Elire to pass the Seals for electing the Rev. D^r^. W^m^ Baker (Warden of Wadham Coll.[1]) into the See of Bangor.

His Majesty has been pleased to order a Conge d'Elire to pass the Seals for electing the R^t^ Rev^d^ D^r^. Samuel Bradford, L^d^ B^p^ of Carlisle, into the See of Rochester.

His Majesty has likewise been pleased to appoint the said L^d^ B^p^ of Carlisle to be Dean of the Collegiate Church of S. Peter, Westminster.

His Majesty has been pleased to order a Conge d'Elire to pass the Seals for electing the Rev. D^r^. John Waugh into the Sea [*sic*] of Carlisle.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Rev. D^r^. Franklyn to succeed the said D^r^. Waugh as Dean of Gloucester.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint D^r^. John Herbert to succeed the L^d^ B^p^ of Carlisle as Prebendary of Westminster.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint D^r^. William Bradshaw to be Canon of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, in room of D^r^. Hammond, deceased.

And D^r^. John Clarke is to succeed as Prebendary of Canterbury, on the Resignation of the said D^r^. Bradshaw.

June 11 (Tu.). On Whitsunday Morning last, M^r^. Gronehouse, Master of the Three Tun Tavern in Chandois-street (where the Honourable M^r^. Finch was stabb'd by Sally Salisbury), dy'd suddenly. He was possessed of a very great Estate for a Vintner, which, 'tis said, will fall to a Sister he hath in Cornwall. This is the Man that bought Esq. Nevill's Estate at Holywell in Oxford, but he could not brag of his Bargain, M^r^. Tho. Kimber, who sold it for M^r^. Nevill, having manag'd very wisely for his Master.

June 12 (Wed.). Yesterday I return'd back to the Hon^ble^ Benedict

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June 11, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Diaries, 57. 147^a^). 'W^t^ you mean by my saying or reporting abo^t^ as if I officiously spread abroad any thing to y^r^ prejudice, I don't understand. Touching y^r^ debarring y^r^ self from y^e^ Bodleian, I mention'd nothing to you in my Letter but w^t^ you gave me Occasion for, & w^t^ other friends of y^rs^ here take notice of. Pray, w^t^ must we call y^r^ refusall of using y^e^ liberty of accesse to that Library? Since you design explications for Rob^t^ of Glo'ster, I'me content, & wish you'd said so much before.' Encloses bill on Alderman Child in payment for Heming and Robert of Gloucester. [Notes by Hearne:—'To ask Intruders to shew me books would be to acknowledge their Right, and as for Bowles, the Head Librarian (who was legally elected upon D^r^. Hudson's death), tho' he was an Intruder into my Place, he is rarely there, and even then declines his Business. June 13, 1723, P^d^ me by M^r^. Wilmot 15 libs., being a Note to Alderman Child, the rest out of his own Money (viz. 7 li. 1s.).']

June 11, 1723. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 9. 89). Paid Mr. Godfrey the four guineas: two are for Robert of Gloucester.

June 11, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 45). Hears that his copy of Heming has been delivered to Mr. Gregory, but has not received the Antiquities of Glastonbury.

June 12, 1723. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 139). Wants Heming bound

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

Leonard Calvert, Esq., a long Letter in MS. y^t^ he had lent me, written 1 August, 1642, being the *Coppy of a Relation of Occurrences* that the then Lord Baltemore *sent to his Brother*, in w^ch^ are many very remarkable Passages, but having not had time, I copied nothing from it.

June 13 (Th.). The Bridge of Stratford upon Avon is a very fine one, built all at the Charges of one Man, & I am told (for I never was there) that it is both longer than East Bridge at Oxford, and even Broader, too, than the s^d^ East Bridge as it is doing now.

June 14 (Fri.). Yesterday in the Afternoon (a thing never knew [*sic*] in that Place before), one M^r^. Walter, a Gentleman Commoner of Edm. Hall, & one Sam, the Under Butler of that Place, fought in that Hall Quadrangle, & were difficultly parted, the Principal's Wife first coming in to end the Fray (whom M^r^. Walter, tho' he is related to her, disregarded), & afterwards the Principal, D^r^. Felton himself, whom M^r^. Walter slighted also. After they were parted, this Walter threw two Kitchin Plates at M^r^. Creed the Vice-Principal's Head (but mist it), & told him to go to Queen's again, saying he was there but a poor, pitifull servitour th'other day. This Disturbance must be ascrib'd originally to the strange Neglect of Discipline in the Hall, w^ch^ makes those few young Gentlemen that are there loose, insomuch that it seems one Rice (a Batch. of Arts), a Welchman of ill Character, now of y^t^ Hall, but first of Hart Hall, kept in his room in the Hall all night on Wednesd. Night last a comely [lass] (from Begbrook), called Huntingdon Peg, & yesterday he had her at dinner at his Chamber, & the said M^r^. Walter was with them, w^ch^ being found out by the abovementioned Sam, he discovered it to the Principal & his wife, & there was a design of having the [lass] seiz'd by the Proctor, but they got her off before a Proctor could be found, & so she escap'd. Sam's Discovery enrag'd Walter, & thereupon ensu'd the Scuffle in the Quadrangle.

June 15 (Sat.). Sam. Pocock was a Bookseller in Oxford that was a communicative, ingenious Man, & having lived in the rebellious times,

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as usual, and sent by the Hereford carrier, 'the first return after they are got into their habits.' Intends to subscribe for Robert of Gloucester.

June 13, 1723. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 27^b^. 202). Has received letter and parcel of books, and will send payment by Mr. Le Hunt. Sends a draft of a Danish or Saxon Station on Epsom Downs. 'You will find y^t^ y^e^ Plough'd lands & Roads have utterly defaced all Remains of one part, so y^t^ the form is not perfectly visible. But the Trench of y^t^ part w^ch^ is Visible is deep and perfect, in the form described by y^e^ dark line; it lyes so between Croyden, Ewall, Ebbisham or Epsome, & Durdan's, all w^ch^ names seem to be derived from y^e^ Saxon.' More on same subject. Mentions some bones dug up in the chalk at Woodcott. Wants to know whether the Life of John de Courci, earl of Ulster, is among the Earl of Clarendon's books at Oxford.

June 13, 1723. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 95). Sent yesterday subscription-money for Heming and Robert of Gloucester.

June 15, 1723. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 50). Directions for sending Heming.

June 15, 1723. S. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 103). Hearty thanks for

he would afterwards tell abundance of Stories relating to them, himself being an honest Man.

A Book of Physick, that was printed, being once put into Dr. Radcliff's hands, & his opinion desired of it (I think it was as he was in the Coffee House), the Dr. after a little while returned it, saying that *the Author of it was a Coxcomb, & those are Coxcombs, too, that read it.*

The late Bp Smalridge, when he was Dean of Xt Ch. (for 'twas before he was Bp), being one Night at the Play to hear Cato acted, there was great Notice taken yt a Man of his order & Dignity should be there, & sitting near some Ladies that laugh'd upon this Occasion, the Dean thereupon spoke to one or two of his Acquaintance that were by him, & told them that the Ladies laugh'd at him, adding, 'Sure, the Ladies by laughing so think themselves to be at Church,' wch being heard by them, they continued silent all the time after.

June 16 (Sun.). The new Dean of Westminster (Dr. Bradford) was install'd on Friday sennight[1], and on the same Evening officiated at the Interment of the late Duke of Richmond; and

On Monday (June 10th) Dr. Reynolds (lately Bishop of Bangor) was translated to the See of Lincoln, at Bow-Church.

June 17 (Mon.). Mr. Wm Baxter died lately, in the 73d Year of his Age. He was Nephew of the famous Presbyterian, Mr. Richard Baxter, and was himself also first a Presbyterian, but afterwards a pretended Convert to the Church of England, tho' hardly any one look'd upon him as sincere, on that account. He was a learned, but whimsical, Man. He published one Book against Mr. Dodwell, in defence of Laymen's administring the Communion. He writ & published Notes upon Horace, but not very much esteemed by the most curious men (tho' I have heard it commended by some). He published also critical Notes upon Anacreon, but for that was taken to task by the famous Mr. Josuah Barnes. When he did these two Books, he was a Schoolmaster, wch Profession, I think, he followed to the last. He hath written & published other Things, but the last that he printed (wch was done at London in 1719, with his Picture in a Hat at the Beginning) was *Glossarium Antiquitatum Britannicarum*, an 8vo Book, dedicated to Dr. Mead. In this Book he brings all Names of Places from the Brittish Language, & strangely indulges his fancy, wch makes his Book, therefore, not much regarded by judicious Men.

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copies of Heming. Subscribes for four large copies of Robert of Gloucester for himself and friends.

June 15, 1723. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 31). Directions for sending Messrs. Lyddell's books. Has delivered the copies H. sent.

June 16, 1723. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 97. 26). Sorry T. T. missed the Antiquities of Glastonbury. 'The Copies of that Book were so soon catcht up . . . that I had much ado to secure one for my self.' Is there a MS. History of Richard I in the Harleian Library? If so, has it any author's name? Some say it is Robert of Gloucester's: sees no good reason for it.

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[1] June 7th.

June 18 (Tu.). On Saturday last Mr. Nevile of University Coll. told me that the Affair of a Master of that College is not yet over, but that they had still the greatest hopes yt right would be done to Mr. Cockman. For tho' a most malicious & scandalous Letter had been sent by some to the Atturney General, in prejudice of Mr. Cockman & his Electors, yet this Letter would have no Effect upon the Atturney, who declar'd it to be a most wicked Thing, full of the blackest Malice, & even agt his Majesty K. George. Mr. Nevile read a Copy of the Letter to me, by wch I find that the Author, or Authors (supposed by some to be Mr. Denison & his Crony, Jolly Ward), represented to the Atturney that, unless K. George relinquished his Claim, ye Consequence would be as bad as that was at Magdalen College (whereas it is plain that the Matter is of quite a different nature), that the Fellows yt elected Mr. Cockman are a pack of vile, profligate, loose Wretches ('tis observable that the quite contrary is true, & that the Looseness & Immorality lye on the other side, no body being worse than Jolly Ward), that they are most notorious Jacobites, & particularly that Mr. Tayler was bred up in France under one of the most considerable & principal of the Non-Jurors, with other things to that Effect. The Atturney said he sate as judge of Things, not of Persons, & yt therefore he should have regard only to the Matter, not to persons, tho', did he know who the Author of this malicious Letter was, he would prosecute him at his own Expense.

June 20 (Th.). One Keistler hath published a Latin Book, in 8vo, in wch are several Danish Monumts. I have not yet seen the Book, but it seems he makes Stonehenge to be Danish, following therein Dr. Charleton's Opinion, whose Draught he looks upon as the most exact. I have formerly declared my self to be of Inigo Jones's Opinion, but I must needs say now that, since our old Writers unanimously make it to be British, in honour of the innocent Great Men of the Britains that were there slain by Hengist & other Saxons, & since they mention it as a Place where afterwards many British Kings were buried (as Westminster is now the Royal Place of Burying), I say, for these reasons, I can hardly differ

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June 19, 1723. H. to Thomas Cartwright (Diaries, 97. 30). Wants directions for sending Heming.

June 20, 1723. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 67a). Apologizes for delay in acknowledging parcel of books. Thanks for obliging present. Subjoins account for Heming. Still hopes Mr. Cotton may attend to H.'s legacy before he leaves town. Sir P. Sydenham and Dr. B. Willis have subscribed.

June 20, 1723. T. Granger to H. (Rawl. 6. 118). Received letter of the 12th. Sorry he has not the book H. wants. It is also wanting in Ld. Harley's library.

June 20, 1723. F. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 160). Sends subscription for Heming, and will pay for the next book when he is next in Oxford. [PS.] Sir Christopher Musgrave's book may be sent to Mr. Randolph of All Souls College.

June 20, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 44). Received H.'s of the 16th. Does not find any MS. History of Richard I in Ld. Harley's library. Account of a printed copy in the Bodleian by Winken de Worde, 1528. [See Diary, June 23, and Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lvii.] [PS.] Since writing has found the same book at Wimpole.

from those who make it to be British, tho' I cannot account for the Methods they used in erecting it.

June 21 (Fri.). On Tuesday last Sir Rich[d] Musgrave, Bar[t], of Queen's Coll., & M[r]. Sebright, Gent. Com. of Balliol Col., had the Degree of Master of Arts conferr'd upon them. M[r]. Sebright is 8 or 9 Years' standing, and hath been travelling. He is Brother to Sir Thomas Sebright, is a good natured Gentleman, and well belov'd.

June 22 (Sat.). From Mist's Journal of this day:—

On Tuesday last, between Twelve and One, (D[r]. Atterbury[1]) the deprived Bishop of Rochester set out from the Tower in the Navy Barge, attended by M[r]. Morris (the B[p's] Son in Law[1]) & his Lady (the B[p's] Daughter[1]), having a Sign Manual for that Purpose. Collonel Williamson, who had Warders with him, conducted him aboard the Aldborough Man of War, lying in Long Reach. Two Footmen attended his Lordship in purple Liveries, himself being clad in a Lay Habit of grey Cloth. Great Numbers of People went to see him take Water, and to take their Leave, many of whom accompanied him down the River in Barges and Boats. We hear that two Messengers went on board the Man of War to see him landed at Ostend, from whence, 'tis said, he will proceed to Aix la Chapelle, after staying two or three Months at Brussels.

The Duke of Wharton made a Present to the late Bishop of Rochester, before his Departure, of a rich Sword, with the following Mottoes on the Blade, viz. on one Side, *Draw me not without Reason*, and on the other, *Put me not up without Honour*.

June 23 (Sun.). M[r]. Timothy Thomas writes me word that he finds a Note he took of a book at *Wimpole*, in English Meeter, upon *Rycharde cuer du lyon*, at the end of which are these words:—

¶ *Thus endeth the Story of the noble kynge Richarde cure de lyon. Imprinted at London by Wynkyn de worde. The yere of our lorde* MCCCCC *and* XXVIII.

This is the same Book with the Metrical History in Selden's Library, and is the 2[d] Copy that I know of.

June 24 (Mon., S[t]. John Bapt.). Mist's Journal of Sat. last, June 22:—

We hear from Chichester that some Workmen, in digging the Foundations of a House in that City, found a Stone six Foot long, and half as many broad,

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June 20, 1723. John Wainwright to H. (Rawl. 11. 18). Has received copies of Heming for Mr. Lyddell and his brother. Will pay as H. shall suggest.

June 22, 1723. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 28. 46). Encloses long transcript relating to Henry VII's Coronation. Sorry he cannot visit Oxford before his journey, but hopes to be of service to H. in France or Italy. Continues to subscribe. His books may be sent to Mr. Charles Lowe, near Westminster Abbey, who will remit the money. Ld. Lichfield's brother of Corpus will subscribe and receive books for him.

June 23, 1723. H. to —— (Rawl. 110. 87). Would have replied sooner, but expected Mr. Reynell all last week. Want directions for sending the books.

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[1] [The parentheses are Hearne's.]

on which was a Roman Inscription, importing that a Temple was erected there in the Reign of Claudius, and dedicated to Neptune and Minerva, which might justly have been reckoned a great Curiosity, had not the Workmen erased one half of the Letters in digging the Stone up.

NB. I have the Inscription in a distinct Paper.

June 25 (Tu.). Last Sunday Morning, about ten Clock, dyed of a Consumption Mr. Edward Shipway, a Barber of Oxford. This Man was born at Reading in Berks., of poor Parents, but by his sordid, niggardly way of living, & by some other Tricks, he grew very rich, and yet he was not very old, being much about threescore. His Wife was as stingy as himself, & hath been dead some Years. They had but one Child living at her Death (having buried four), viz. a Son named Richd Shipway, who took his M. of Arts' Degree, as a Member of Merton College, June 28, 1710, and is now a Minister in the Country, his Father having bought a Parsonage for him, where he lives with his Wife, one Mrs. Betty Dean (a proud, conceited thing), to whom he hath been marryed several Years, but hath yet no Child by her. This Mr. Richard Shipway is a Man of as little Understanding as his Wife. The Father, Mr. Edward Shipway, after his Wive's Death, left off his Trade to a Kinsman, and went to live at Stanlake (near Witney), the Parsonage of wch he rented of Dr. Richd Adams, the Rector thereof, for wch he gave 40 libs. per an. more than ever any one before either did or would give, for wch he hath incurr'd the Curses of the People of Stanlake, who look'd upon him, as many besides did, as a vile Rascal. He liv'd at Stanlake with a comely Widow Woman [. . . . .], & 'twas reported that he was marry'd to her, but this he was not, as appear'd plainly just before he died, when on Sunday Morning (for he was sensible to the last) he call'd her before him, & ask'd her, before a Divine and others, whether she ever reported that he was marry'd to her, or whether there was any Marriage between them, both wch she deny'd [. . . . .]. When his Wife dyed, she injoyn'd her Husband (whom for that reason she made her Executor, and with whom he had a good Fortune) to give their Son Richard five hundred Pounds, if ever he married again, the consideration whereof perhaps might deterr him from a second Marriage. He was buried this Evening, between 7 and eight Clock, in St. Peter's Church in the East.

June 26 (Wed.). Yesterday I saw in the Shops a Speech of a shilling Price, in folio, call'd the Bp of Rochester's, spoke by him before his late barbarous Sentence, but some say 'tis not genuine [1].

June 27 (Th.). I was told last Night by a Revd Clergyman (well acquainted with James Tyrrell, Esq.) that the said James Tyrrell had an interleav'd 4to Bible in wch he had writ abundance of Notes and Explications,

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June 27, 1723. H. to [F. Gwyn] (Rough pencil draft, Rawl. 6. 162). Sent Sir Christopher Musgrave's book as directed. Would have sent F. G.'s copy of Heming by the bearer of his letter, but cannot learn who brought it. Has not received the two guineas.

June 27, 1723. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 97. 40). Has often seen the book about Richard I in the Bodleian, but being debarred the place, cannot

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[1] NB. 'Tis spurious.

many of w^ch were very odd (as Mr. Tyrrell was a Man of odd Principles), but that this Bible was buried with him under his Head, in the same Coffin with his Body, at Okely in Bucks., that his Notes might not do any Mischief. The Gentleman told me he had this from the very Person that took care of M^r. Tyrrell's Papers (being a very near Relation of M^r. Tyrrell's), abundance of w^ch were burnt also, particularly a vast Cargoe of Letters.

June 28 (Fri.). I was also told by the same Person, & some others (who are supposed to know well enough), that D^r. Hudson died worth above seven thousand Pounds in Money. Indeed, I have heard M^r. Spenser, a Pettyfogger at Ho[r]sepath (much versed in Conveyances and putting out Money), say that the D^r. had a prodigious Quantity of Money, w^ch I took the more notice of because this Spenser was one that the D^r. used to employ, & 'twas he that bought the little Estate of about 28 or 30 libs. per an. for the D^r. at Horsepath.

June 29 (Sat.). Beyond High Bridge (in the Suburbs of Oxford), by Rewly, is a little House call'd Antiquity Hall, w^ch one Wise of Trinity Coll. & one Tristram of Pembroke Coll. (both of them very conceited Fellows, & of little Understanding, tho' both are Masters of Arts) have had a draught taken of & printed, with very silly, ridiculous things & words in it, for w^ch they are much laugh'd at by all People, who cannot but look upon it as one of the weakest things ever done.

June 30 (Sun.). On Thursday last died old M^r. Thomas Blake (whose Age I have mention'd formerly), of S^t. Aldate's in Oxford. This Man was born in Hampshire, whence he came to Reading, and lived there many Years. At length he came to Oxford, & lived first in St. Ebbe's Parish, & afterwards in S^t. Aldate's, & was some Years agoe look'd upon as a very thriving, substantial Man. But having an extravagant son, who was addicted to Women & gaming, & having made over all to the Said Son, he grew into Want, & was kept at last by S^t. Ebbe's Parish. For as to his Son, as he led a loose life, so he made away all he had, and was very undutifull to his Father, as he was also cross to his own Wife, who is a very good Sort of Woman, and takes

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renew his acquaintance with it. The copy at Wimpole will therefore be of great service, when T. T. has an opportunity of transcribing some verses from it. Is inclined to think it is the same as the interpolation about Richard I in the MS. of Robert of Gloucester in the Heralds' Office.

June 29, 1723. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 140). Many thanks for copies of Heming. Would have acknowledged them sooner, but has been unwell. Remarks on the book. '[I] also runn over some of the Preface, and am very well pleased to find myself likely to stand recorded among your Friends, but could wish you had omitted some Epithets which I am conscious to my self do not belong to me; however, as you meant them out of kindness and Respect, I take 'em as such, and accordingly return you Thanks.' Would be glad if H. could let him have two or three more copies.

June 29, 1723. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 18. 40). 'I could not light of Godfrey, and by referring me to Him, you put me out of my Way.' Chooses to send the £7 17*s.* 6*d.* in the old way. [Note by Hearne:—'July 1^st, 1723. P^d by M^r. Wilmot.']

pains now in her Distress to get a Livelyhood for herself & children, and she is still a comely (as she hath been a very pretty) Woman, wch might have kept her husband from going after other Women. As for the said old Blake, I saw him three or four days before he died, meeting him in High street walking towards East Gate, so that it seems he died suddenly. For on Thursday he eat a hearty Dinner, & after Dinner he said he would take a Nap, as he us'd to do, but lying longer than usual, they went up to see him, & found him dead on the Bed. He was buried (I think on Friday) in St. Ebbe's Church Yard, whereas his Wife (who hath been dead many Years) was buried in that Church. He was a Man of good natural Sense, but of a turbulent, republican Spirit, so that 'tis said that when he left Reading, they rang all the Bells in that Town for Joy that he was gone from them. In Oxford, where he had followed many Professions (one of wch was Maulting), he would always, even to his dying day, be very warm for republican Government, & would ever maintain antimonarchical Principles, yet he was a Man that was look'd upon as very honest in his dealings, & was upon that account esteem'd, but much blam'd for parting with all he had to his idle Son, who, tho' now in want, yet will not put himself to any Business.

July 1 (Mon.). On Saturday Morning last called upon me Mr. George Parker, the Figure Flinger, in his Journey out of Worcestershire, whither he had went about 3 Weeks before from London to see Friends and Relations. This Mr. Parker was born at Shipton upon Stour in Worcestershire, and was apprenticed to a Cutler in London (I think, in or about Fetter Lane), but being much addicted to Astrology, he gave over his Trade, & set up the Trade of Figure Flinging and publishing of Almanacks, & used in his Almanacks to make brave sport with John Patridge, a great Republican, whereas Geo. Parker is an honest Man, and a great Cavallier, & much superior to Patridge, who hath been dead several Years. In Queen Anne's time George happened to print in his Almanack the Pretender (as they call the Chevallier de St. George) & his Sister (who is now dead) among the Sovereign Princes of Europe, for wch he was prosecuted & fined 50 libs., & hindered from printing Almanacks. Upon wch he printed only an annual Ephemeris, with the Sts' Days, without doing it in the nature of an Almanack, tho' now the Stationers let him go on again (if he pleases) as he did before. His Ephemerides & the Accounts of the Ecclipses are the best that come out,

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July 1, 1723. W. Bromley to H. (Rawl. 3. 156). Has ordered his son to pay subscription-money for Heming and Robert of Gloucester.

July 1, 1723. M. Johnson, jun., to H. (Rawl. 7. 99). Has received letter and advertisement about Heming. Mr. Rawlinson made so many difficulties about some of H.'s books, that M. J. could not think of troubling him again. 'I know not how I disobliged You, but wish It had been otherways, being as I wrote not of abilitie to go farther than by Subscribing to Encourage your Learned Labours, which was my desire. . . . If you'd appoint some Bookseller in Town to take in Subscriptions to your Books, I believe You'd have many more Subscribers.'

[*c.* **July 1, 1723.**] **G. Knowles to H.** (Rawl. 15. 113). Hopes H. will subscribe for his new book, Philologia et Dendrologia Britannica, for which he has printed proposals. Encloses copies of letters from the Bishop of Rochester

having in these matters the Assistance of Dr. Halley. Some Years agoe he sold drink, & many honest & ingenious Men used to frequent his House; among the rest Mr. Edward Thwaites, late Fellow of Queen's College, when he was in London a considerable time abt his Lameness, & had his Leg then cut off by Charles Bernard, the Great Chirurgeon, us'd George's House much, &, I think, lay there for some time, & learned Astrology from George, who, after Mr. Thwaites return'd to Oxford, came over to Oxford, & stay'd there three Weeks at least, & lodged in Queen's College in one of Mr. Thwaites's Rooms, who did this out of Gratitude to George, who had been very civil to Mr. Thwaites in London. At this time, I remember (altho' 'tis many Years agoe) George was on foot, & walk'd from Oxford into Worcestershire, the night before wch Journey Mr. Thwaites & he & I being together (& none else with us), George would often go out of the Room on purpose to observe the Heavens, & he told us 'twould rain the next day at such a time. Accordingly, there was, at the time he said, the next day a smart Shour, & George was in it himself, being then footing it into Worcestershire, wch being nois'd abt Oxford, made his Name famous there. He is a married Man, and his Wife living, being at this time his Companion in his Journey.

July 2 (Tu.). Yesterday being the Feast of the Barbers of Oxford, the Master of the Company, one Welman (Son in Law to Michael Burghers, the University Engraver), gave the Treat (both Dinner for the Men, & Supper for the Women) in the Refectory of Edmund-Hall, having leave from the Principal of that Place, to whom Welman is Barber, & the Principal also (viz. Dr. Felton) preached the Sermon to the Barbers at St. Peter's in the East, and his Vice-Principal, Mr. Creed, read Prayers, but I am told the Sermon was long & heavy, running out upon Advice to the Barbers, & telling them of their Duty. But Felton himself is one of the worst Observers of Duty living, otherwise he would not let all manner of litterary Discipline fall down in Edmund Hall.

July 3 (Wed.). Yesterday going into a Bookseller's Shop, I saw a little 8vo Book, newly come out, under the Name of the deprived Bp of Rochester, Dr. Atterbury, pretended to be his Moral and Political Reflexions, but 'tis a meer cheat, being nothing but some scraps out of his printed Sermons. As they have also printed an imperfect, curtail'd Speech of his that he spoke lately, when he was in trouble, whereas the genuine one is not yet printed.

July 4 (Th.). There is just printed at the Theater press, A Collection of Lent Verses, an 8vo Book, made by the Gentlemen of Xt Church[1]. 'Tis said that this Book was revis'd by Dr. Robt Freind, Head Master of Westminster School, & that nothing was taken into it but with his Approbation.

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and the Archbishop of Canterbury expressing their approval of the work. [Note by Hearne :—'Rec., July 2, 1723.']

July 4, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 146). Thanks for letter of 13th ult. and Tom Britton's Catalogues. Has heard from Mr. Granger about

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[1] The Publisher, Mr. East, Student of Xt Ch.

July 5 (Fri.). Dr. Wm Jones, Principal of Jesus Coll., Oxon. (a Man of no Probity), told me last Night that the Folio British MS. in their College Library (wch is a MS. of a miscellaneous nature) is now, and hath been a considerable time, in the Hands of Mr. William Thomas, and that this William Thomas hath a design of printing some Things out of it; tho' I found by him that it was lent out to the said Mr. Thomas, partly on account also of Mr. Wotton, who is printing Howel Dha's Laws, in wch Work this Book will be of service, wch Laws the Dr. told me are corrected from the Press by Mr. Moses Williams.

July 6 (Sat.). Mr. Kettlewell succeeded Mr., afterwards Dr., Radcliffe in his Fellowship of Lincoln College, by means & management of Dr. Hickes, tho' Radcliffe himself design'd another Person, viz. one of University College, far inferior to Mr. Kettlewell in Merits, at wch Radcliffe was so displeased that he ever after disliked Lincoln College.

July 7 (Sun.). On Friday last Mr. Boyse, Mayor of Oxford, was chosen one of the Aldermen of that City in room of Mr. Pinnell, deceased.

July 8 (Mon.). Hugh Lupus, E. of Chester, A.D. 1095, expelled the Canons Secular at Chester, and placed Benedictine Monks in their room, and much enlarged the Abbey and the Revenues of it. He was buried in the Chapter house there, & last night I was inform'd that his Bones have been lately found in it.

On Saturday last, in the Evening, Dr. James Bouchier, Regius Professor of ye Civil Law in Oxford, & Fellow of All Souls College, brought home a Wife, to whom he is newly married, viz. Mrs. Harris, Daughter of the late Pettifogger, Mr. Harris, an Atturney of Oxford, commonly called Executor Harris, from the knack he had of getting himself to be Executor to Wills. This Dr. James Bouchier is a most proud, vain, conceited, impudent, & ignorant Coxcomb, & was Pupil to Mr. Denison of University College. I say ignorant, because 'tis well known that he does not know one Dram of good Learning. As for the Young Woman that he hath married, she hath a good Fortune, is pretty fat, but no great Beauty. This Dr. Bouchier is, not without reason, supposed to have been married before to one of the Luffs that is dead.

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the Metrical History of Richard I, printed by Winken de Worde. Hopes Mr. G. or J. M. may pick it up. Had intended to present a copy of Robert of Gloucester to the Heralds' Office.

July 6, 1723. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 14). Received letter, account, and four copies of Heming. Encloses bill for four guineas. Sends names of subscribers for Robert of Gloucester. 'I congratulate You on ye Discovery of the Bones of Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, in ye old Chapter House there, of which We want ye Particulars.'

July 8, 1723. F. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 161). Will deliver Sir Christopher's Musgrave's book at the first opportunity. Has inquired about the two guineas, and finds that the carrier has left them in Oxford until his next return. Asks H. to call at the Blue Boar for the money and for the copy of Heming for F. G.'s father.

July 9 (Tu.). They have reprinted at London the castrated Sheets of Holinshead's Chronicle, but done so as there is a great Quarrell between some of the London Booksellers on this Score, some of them having given one Impression and some another, so that there are two new Impressions of these Sheets, in one Impression of w^ch^ Fletcher Gyles, a Bookseller, is concern'd, & he was urgent with me to correct them, but I declin'd it, being sensible that the reprinting them might disoblige some Gentlemen who had given great Prices for their Books, as it seems it hath done. But, however, the Booksellers are not like to be very great Gainers by this Work, the castrated Hollingsheads being now like to be dearer than those that are perfect.

July 10 (Wed.). There are two Fairs a Year at Wantage in Berks., the 1^st^ on July 7, being the Translation of S^t^. Thomas à Becket, and the second on y^e^ 6^th^ of October, being S^t^. Faith's day. But this Year, the 7^th^ of July being a Sunday, the Fair was kept last Monday, and 'twas a very great one, and Yesterday it held too, when there was a very great Match of Backsword or Cudgell playing between the Hill Country and the Vale Country, Barkshire Men being famous for this Sport or Exercise. And 'tis remarkable that at Childrey, by Wantage, lives one old Vicars, a Farmer, who hath been very excellent at it, and hath now five Sons that are so expert in it that 'tis supposed they are a Match for any five in England. They always come off Victors, & carry off the Hat, the Reward of the Conquest, so that they have not bought any Hats since they have been celebrated for this Exercise. There is also another Fair at Wantage (w^ch^ is not above two Years' standing), called the Constable's Fair, being granted by the High Constable upon the Town of Wantage's chosing him out of Wantage.

July 12 (Fri.). Yesterday, at one Clock, was a Convocation about a Poetry Reader or Professor, who is to be elected every five Years, but the same Person cannot have it above ten. M^r^. Trap, therefore, when five Years were expired, was elected without Opposition, but now there was a great struggle. For M^r^. Warton of Magdalen College's five Years being expired, D^r^. Gardiner of All Souls Coll. & the Constitution Club, & many others, were resolv'd, if possible, to hinder his Reelection, and

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July 10, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 117). Sends by to-morrow's carrier a packet containing Sparkes' Latin Historians of England, the MS. of Robert of Gloucester from the Cotton Library, three subscriptions, and 'a Print of a Person you know, not yet publish'd or Given out.' Note on the aforesaid MS. 'M^r^. Casly, who transcrib'd it for you, at the Expence of D^r^. Mead, . . . has sent you an Explication of some of the Old Words, w^ch^, tho' imperfect, may possibly be of use to you.' Hopes to see H. at Oxford in a fortnight or three weeks.

July 11, 1723. H. to W. Thomas (Diaries, 97. 60). Thanks for trouble about Mr. Harley's copy of Heming. His brother paid the two guineas. By what name is Silchester called in the 'old miscellaneous British MS.' at Jesus College?

July 11, 1723. M. Johnson, jun., to H. (Rawl. 15. 93). Received letter and sheets of Heming. Has sent subscriptions for the latter and for Robert of Gloucester. Directions for sending next book. [Note by Hearne:— 'Rec^d^ this Letter & Money, July 12, 1723.']

accordingly, Mr. Randolph, Fellow of All Souls Coll., who hath written & publish'd some time agoe a Poem in Latin, printed at the Theater, about the South-Sea, was put up, wch Mr. Warton's Enemies thought might do, because this Randolph was formerly of Xt Church, wch might be likely to gain all Xt Church for him. But when they came to vote, several of Xt Church were for Mr. Warton, & several of Xt Ch. did not appear at all, insomuch that Randolph lost it by 36, Mr. Warton having 215, and Mr. Randolph 179 Votes, at wch honest Men are pleased, Mr. Warton having the Character of a very honest, ingenious, & good natured Man, & no body looks upon Mr. Randolph's being put up to be any thing else besides Spight.

Also Yesterday Morning Dr. Butler, who is newly married, brought home his Wife to Magdalen Coll., of wch he is President, and hath turn'd the little Windows of the President's Lodgings into Sash Windows. She is Sister in Law to Dr. Sacheverell, & is said to be eleven Thousand libs. Fortune.

July 13 (Sat.). It having been terribly dry ever since June 6th last (the Wind at North & North-East), yesterday the Wind chang'd into the South, and this Morning we had a handsome Rain, beginning at abt 3 Clock, & lasting 'till after 7. In the Afternoon & the following Night fell a great deal more, which was a very great Comfort after such a Drought as no body remembers[1].

July 14 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Yesterday:—

From Brussels, July 14, N.S., we have the following Advice, viz. the late Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Atterbury[2]) passed through this Place some Days ago, in his Way to the Spaw. During his Stay here, he sent a Person with a Message in Writing to the Earl of Ailesbury, a Copy of which is, *verbatim*, as follows:—

That the Earl of Ailesbury would be pleased to let the Marquis de Prie know that the Bishop of Rochester is come to settle in Brussels, and is about hiring a House for some Time, under Confidence of not being any ways molested or disquieted during his Residence in this Part of the Dominions of his Imperial Majesty, on whose Protection he relies.

The Earl of Ailesbury returned the Paper by the Person who brought it, bidding him acquaint the said late Bishop that he desired to be excused from seeing him, or meddling in any Manner in his Concerns.

On Tuesday last Dr. Edward Butler, President of Magdalen College in Oxford, was married to Mrs. Mary Tate, Sister by the Mother's Side to the Reverend Dr. Sacheverell, a Lady of above 500 l. per Annum Fortune.

July 15 (Mon.). On Saturday last James Bouchier, LL.D., Son of the late Dr. Thomas Bouchier, was admitted Principal of Alban-Hall, wch shews that the present Chancellour of Oxford is a weak Man,

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July 13, 1723. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 32). [See account of this letter, Diary, July 17.]

July 15, 1723. Mrs. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27b. 376). 'Dear and Louing Son,—Wee Recd your kind and Loueing Letter, and after that ye

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[1] After this, on Sund., July 14, in the Afternoon, was a fine Thunder Shower.

[2] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

otherwise certainly he would never have nominated such a Blockhead to be Principal, since he cannot but know y^t^ he is an illiterate Man, & that the late Queen was strangely impos'd upon by a Pack of Villains, when she made him Professor. And whereas this Bouchier's Father let the Hall quite sink and go to ruin, methinks the Chancellour should have endeavoured to seek out some Scholar that would have made it his Business to fill it with Scholars, whereas at present there is not so much as one Gownsman there. It is not without justice that the following Words are spoke of old Bouchier, in col. 959 of the 2^d^ Ed. of Athenæ Oxon., where, speaking of Narcissus Marsh (formerly Principal of this Hall, under whom it mightily flourish'd), the Author says, 'Afterwards taking the Degrees in Divinity, he became Principal of S. *Alban's* Hall, where, by the good Discipline that he kept up and maintained, [he] made it flourish more than it had done for many Years before, or hath, since his departure, under his Successor, D^r^. *Tho. Bouchier*, alias *Butcher*, who minding the settling of a Family, and adding Land to Land to his Seat at *Hanborough*, near *Oxon.*, it doth in a woful manner decay, and no Face of a Hall or House of Learning left.'

July 16 (Tu.). On Saturday last the Relict of Henry Stephens, of Cat Street, Oxon. (of whose Death I have formerly given an Account), was married to one Bass, Servant to D^r^. Shippen, the present Vice-Chancellour of Oxford.

July 17 (Wed.). W^m^ Thomas, Esq., writes me word, in a Letter dat. July 13 instant, that in the Welsh Copy of Geffry of Monmouth in Jesus College Library, Stonehenge is called *Cor y Cewri*, w^ch^ is the same as the Latin *Chorea gigantum*, and Salisbury Plain *Mynydd Ambyr*, w^ch^ is the same as the Latin *Mons Ambrij*. See Geffr. Mon., lib. 5, cap. 4, 5. He believes Silchester is once mentioned in that Book, not as

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present from M^dm^ Dodwell, and Retturn you many thanks. Your Father is extrordinary ill att this time, and I don't Know when he will mend, he being not uery senceable, and no wit able to help himself. It is his erneist Desire, in Case he should fail, that you would take care of his Buriall in Waltham Church Yard. Att his departure, I shall send Imediatly to you, desireing that you whould answer, if you can't come your self, it being his Earniest Desire that you would Doe that Last act of Kindness for him.' [PS.] 'In Tenderness I would begg of you for your Dear Father, he being Quite Raw in Liing so Long, . . . some old Peiceses of Sheetts, . . . if you haue any to Spare, and in this I shall be uery thankfull.'

July 17, 1723. F. Gyles to H. (Rawl. 15. 51). 'I received another Heming last Saturday by Bartlet, [and] was somewhat surprized you sent them not all at first, but am much more so now to find you have taken the liberty of selling them without my knowledge; it is something so exceedingly out of the way that I should not give credit to it, but that I have it under your own hand. Surely you might have let me known, by letter or otherwise, that I must send the money down before the publication of the book, or I should not have them, & had I neglected to do so, you might have some plea for selling them. For my part, I . . . always intended . . . to pay Godfrey on the delivery, which I did, accordingly, on the Receipt of the first parcell, & let me tell you we think here he 's no ill paymaster that pays on delivery of his books. But, Sir, I should be glad to know, if my Subscriptions in your Account be of

being the place where K. Arthur was crowned (for that was *Carleon* in Monmouthshire, *Castrum Legionis super Iscam*), but upon occasion of that Solemnity, there being then a Bp appointed for that See. The place is there called *Caer Vudei* in Welsh, *Castrum*——f. Budij, for *Caer*, signifies a City or fortifyed place, and perhaps it may take the Name of *Budei* from a person of that or the like Name. So Mr. Thomas, who also says he does not remember any Brittish King buried at Stonehenge, and yet we have express mention that Aurelius Ambrosius, Uter Pendragon, and Constantine, the Son of Cador, Duke of Cornwall, were buried there. And we have as express Authority that K. Arthur was crowned at Silchester, tho' others say at Caerleon. 'Tis very probable he was crown'd at both Places. One Budie was king of Lesser Britain. I know not whether he did any thing at Silchester. We read of him in Robert of Gloucester.

July 19 (Fri.). Mr. Wood, Gentleman Commoner of Xt Church, having (as I formerly noted) appealed to the Archbp of Canterbury, who is Visitor of All Souls College, upon account of his being put by a Fellowship of that College the last Election, tho' he be Founder's Kinsman, having the same Title that his Uncle had, that came in Fellow of that College on that score, the Archbp, after long consideration of the Matter, hath peremptorily ordered Mr. Wood to be entered Fellow, & accordingly he was entered, and took place as such at All Souls College on Monday last, & the two Fellows that were elected are put out, the Election being declared by the Visitor a Nullity, who, I hear, will therefore put in another Fellow to fill up the other Place, Mr. Wood having one of them.

July 20 (Sat.). On the 10th of this Month was a great struggle in Brasen Nose College about the Election of a Grammar Lecturer there, an Office of 25 libs. per Annum. But at last Mr. Leybourne, one of the

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no signification, why you did not as well dispose of Mr. Davison's, & the other you sent me, as of the rest, or why you should print all those names in your list of Subscribers, if by not having paid their money they became not so. Now, to me it seems plain you admitted ym Subscribers by inserting them in your List, & I do assure you, I insist upon the books from you. I do not this on account of any value I sett upon them, . . . but as I find you have used me ill, I am in hopes [to] right my self in the most proper way I can.'

July 18, 1723. H. to D. Casley (Diaries, 97. 72). Asks D. C. to give him the reading of some verses in the Cotton MS. of Robert of Gloucester.

July 18, 1723. C. Gray to H. (Rawl. 15. 35). Received the copy by the carrier. Apologizes for not having returned it. On his return from Colchester, will send it as directed.

July 18, 1723. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 7). Has to-day sent £14 3*s*. 6*d*. for copies of Robert of Gloucester, &c. [Note by Hearne:—'Pd, July 20, 1723.']

July 20, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 148]. Received money from Mr. Godfrey for Robert of Gloucester, &c., for which he encloses separate receipts. 'Mr. West and I drank your health at Godstowe on Friday last, where we wish'd for your good company.'

July 20, 1723. D. Casley to H. (Rawl. 4. 36). Gives the reading of the lines H. inquires about. Is willing to consult the MS. on any doubtful points.

Head Proctors this Year, Fellow of y^t^ College, & Nephew to the present Vice-Chancellour, D^r^. Shippen, was chosen.

July 21 (Sun.). On Friday last came to Oxon. D^r^. W^m^ Bradshaw (he is a Lambeth D^r^.), & was yesterday Morning installed Canon of X^t^ Ch., in room of D^r^. Hammond, deceased.

July 22 (Mon.). Yesterday call'd upon me one M^r^. Nason, formerly Bach. of Arts of Edm. Hall. He hath left Oxford at least 20 Years, & is a married Man, and is Rector of Hedley, near Epsom in Surry. He was born in Oxford. He told me of an Oyster Hill, near Epsom, and talk'd of a Danish Camp that I happen'd to mention to him, my Friend the Hon^ble^ Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., having sent me a Draught of such a one that himself discovered near Epsom.

July 23 (Tu.). M^r^. Tho. Rundle, a Divine of 1500 libs. per annum Preferment, went out this last Act Doctor of y^e^ Civil Law, as Grand Compounder of Exeter College, of which he had been Fellow. This Gentleman hath done, or is ab^t^ doing, very honourably for this College, having founded, or being about to found and endow, two Lectures there, viz. 1 in Natural Philosophy, & 1 in Greek, each to be 50 libs. per annum.

July 24 (Wed.). Yesterday I rec^d^ from D^r^. Richardson, of North Bierley in Yorkshire, the Impressions of three Seals, all found in Yorkshire. The least (which was a Cornelion set in a large Ring) seems to be a piece of good work, and represents y^e^ Heads of three shorn Monks, of different Ages. It was found in the Ruins of Cawood Castle. The second was found nigh Hallyfax, after a great Floud. The Inscription of it is, *Sigillum generalis Confessoris de Syon*, with the figure of our Saviour holding up his right hand, and in his left hand is a Cross. On his right side is the Head of the Virgin Mary. This belong'd, as I take it, to the Confessor General of Shene, w^ch^ was a Carthusian Abbey built by H. V, A. D. 1413, to the honour of the Holy Jesus. It puts me in mind of *The Pardon of the Monastery of Shene, which is Syon*, that I have printed (from a MS.) in my Appendix to *Fordun's Scotichronicon*. The third (which is the largest) was found in digging a Grave in Beverley Minster, and hath only this Inscription, *Sigillum officij Sancti Petri Eboraci*. They were brought by M^r^. Kennett, Vicar of Bradford (in w^ch^ Parish North Bierley is), & lately fellow of Balliol College, who is married to a young Woman of Oxford, as he was (as 'tis said) even when he was Fellow. M^r^. Kennett told me Bradford is a parish of about 40 Miles round, in w^ch^ are two or three Chappels of Ease.

'But he [Mr. Bridges] told me the other day y^t^ You talk'd of publishing that I transcrib'd for You, with my name to it, w^ch^ did not a little surprise me. I desire You not to do it. . . . But, between You & me, I am so far from hoping for any Reputation by having my Name set to such Stuff, that I would not have taken the pains to read it, if I had not been well paid for it. And as to the piece of an Index of obsolete Words, which I made only to help me to understand what I copyed, it is not half complete for that part I transcrib'd, much less for the whole.'

July 25 (Th., S^t. James's day). Yesterday going into a Shop, I saw an 8^vo Book just published, intit. *Alfred*, A Poem in XII Books. The Author, Sir Rich^d Blackmore, a great Writer upon all Subjects, so that he is look'd upon as a sort of Mad man. He formerly writ a Poem in fol., call'd *Prince Arthur*, to flatter the Prince of Orange, & then he writ one call'd *Eliza*, to flatter Q. Anne, & now this is to flatter the Hanover Family; such is the poor Spirit of the Man, who, however, when of Edm. Hall (where he had his Education) was a great Tutor, & much respected, as I have often heard, for he had left that place some Years before I was matriculated.

July 26 (Fri., S^t. Anne, Mother of the B. V. Mary). Peter Gruter's Epistles are written to great Men, but there is no great Matter in them. He takes notice that Isaac Casaubon was a Man of a little body, tho' of prodigious Learning.

I saw this Morning one John Woodall, who rents an Estate at Bray Wick, near Windsor in Berks., of about 50 libs. per an., of D^r. Oldsworth of S^t. John's Coll., Oxon. This John Woodall is an honest Man, & lived many Years (viz. to the time of his Death) with my best Friend, M^r. Francis Cherry of Shottesbrooke.

July 27 (Sat., the 7 Sleepers). D^r. Abel Evans of S^t. John's Coll. hath written & just printed a little 8^vo Poem, printed at Oxon. by Leonard Lichfield, intit. *The Biter bitten*, but no body knows what he drives at.

July 28 (Sun., Sampson, B^p). Yesterday I saw M^r. Freebairne of Scotland, who hath been several Years with K. J. at Rome, being turn'd out of his Printer's Place at Edinburgh, & for his honesty forced to go beyond Sea. He told me that for three years together he was every day with the King. He said the young Prince is a mighty lively, brisk Child. He said the K. is very chearfull. He said the Queen is the finest Lady living, and that none of the prints of her do her Justice, she being much handsomer than represented by them. M^r. Freebairne had the use of the Vatican Library as he pleased, & transcrib'd a great many excellent

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July 27, [1723]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 84). Would have answered sooner, but waited for Dr. Tanner's reply to inquiry about Robert Moille. Must interpret his silence to mean that he knows nothing of that author. 'I am glad you met with D^r. Dickins, who is a very kind & friendly man. If you enter him subscriber, his name is Francis; [he] is Regius Professor of Law, as D^r. Middleton is Principal Library Keeper of this University.' If H. or Mr. Murray has not seen Stowe's Summary containing the Preface, will send it. [See Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lxi.] Note on Gregory's Pastoral. Wishes H. success in Robert of Gloucester.

July 27, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 86). 'I don't find M^r. David Casley . . . has any objection to y^r saying he was y^e Transcriber of y^e Addicion^ll part of Rob. of Glou^r out of y^e Cotton Library.' His intended journey by way of Oxford is diverted: will go to Northamptonshire direct in a few days. Has ordered an exact plan of Cæsar's Camp to be made; wishes to be at the expense of engraving it, and to write some short observations on it. Wants an account of the medal Capt. Bartlett sent H.

Papers from thence relating to the English Reformation, not taken notice of by our publick Writers.

July 29 (Mon.). I have heard it said that old Dr. Bouchier was mightily troubled before he died that he had not baffled Mr. Cockman with respect to University College, and that he would sometimes cry out, *This Cockman hath killed me.* Indeed, this Bouchier was the Man that pitch'd upon the odd Explication of *Electio Canonica*, & was concern'd that his knavish Explication would not do.

July 30 (Tu.). Some Years agoe came out at Oxford a Poem, call'd *Merton Walks*, the Walks in the Garden of that Place being every Sunday Night, in the pleasant time of the Year, throng'd with young Gentlemen and young Gentlewomen, wch growing scandalous, the Garden Gate was at last shut up quite, and thereupon the young Gentlemen & others betook themselves to Magdalen College Walk, wch is now every Sunday Night in Summer time strangely fill'd, just like a Fair, wch hath occasion'd a printed Letter, giving an Account of an Accident that happen'd there between a young Gentleman & a young Woman.

Mr. May of London told me to-day that my Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., hath been offered two hundred Guineas for two MSS. of his relating to the Monasteries, &c. This Mr. May hath several things of his own in MSS. relating to Monasteries. This Mr. May hath a Son of St. John's Coll., Oxon., who went out Master of Arts this last Act. The said Mr. May, the Father, tells me yt Thomas Rawlinson hath a Paint of Mary, Q. of Scots, for wch he hath been offered an 100 Guineas. Mr. May saith there is a MS. at Ludlowe of about 500 years old, for wch he hath offered five Guineas, tho' it be nothing but Divinity Collections.

July 31 (Wed.). Yesterday was a Convocation, at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, when Mr. Lethullier (Gentleman Commoner of Trinity College) had the Degree of Master of Arts given him, but with this Condition, that he should not have the Privilege of voting in the Convocation House, a thing wch hath been often put in practise by such as have had honorary Degrees.

Mr. Freebairne told me yesterday that they print at Edinburgh,

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July 31, 1723. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 140). Wrote to ask the Warden of New College to pay subscriptions for Heming and Robert of Gloucester: if he has begun his College progress, desires H. to wait till his return.

[*c.* **July, 1723.**] **H. to Mrs. Jane Hearne** (Pencil draft, Rawl. 27b. 377). 'I thank you for the great care you take of my Father. You will be pleased to give him my duty, & to see that he want for nothing. If he should go off in my Absence, I desire that you would bury him decently & handsomely in the Church Yard, but with as little needless expense as conveniently can be, & I will answer the Charges on yt occasion. I have no old Pieces of Sheets, but have sent you a Guinea. . . . The old Things I put up for my Father must be reserv'd for another opportunity.' [PS.] 'If there be any Letters of mine yt he did not destroy, I beg yt they may be destroyed [?], & not shew'd. I am glad you recd the 23 shillings from Mrs. Dodwell.' [Part of this letter is illegible.]

besides History Books of their own Country, many Classical Authors, Greek and Latin, for the use of the Schools in their own Country.

Aug. 1 (Th.). The Reverend Mr. Wm Thomas, Rector of Exhall in Warwickshire, is the Person that hath undertaken to give a new Ed. of Dugdale's Warwickshire. He is Son to the late Dr. Thomas, Bp of Worcester, who was succeeded by Dr. Stillingfleet. He is a Cambridge man, &, I am told, is an excellt Scholar, and that he designs also to write & publish the Antiquities of Worcester.

Aug. 2 (Fri.[1]). One Mr. Hill, lately of Trinity Coll., Oxon., a Herefordshire Gent., some few Years since put out Proposals for printing the Antiquities of Hereford, & of that County, and had great Encouragement from the Earl of Oxford, whose Library he had, and hath still, the Use of. He is a young Gent., that is said to draw well, but wt his Skill is I know not. But I am well assur'd the Design is dropp'd.

Aug. 3 (Sat.). 'On Saturday last died in Panton-Square, Piccadilly, the Rev. Dr. Fairfax, Dean of Down and Connor, which Deanery is reckoned worth 1300 l. per Annum.' So the News Papers, but I know not whether he were really Dr. This Gentleman was lately Student of Xt Ch. in Oxon., and took his M. A.'s Degree, Apr. 16, 1709. He was my particular Friend and Acquaintance, and was a most ingenious Man, and his untimely Death (of a Feaver) is much lamented. He translated Palladio's Antiquities of Rome out of Italian into Latin, which Book was printed at the Theater a few Years agoe in both those Languages, he being put upon it by Dean Aldrich.

Aug. 4 (Sun.). There is in Balliol Coll. Library, among the printed Books (but I cannot learn that it is any way catalogued), a 4to MS. in English (by an anonymous Author), being the Life of Sir Thomas More, wch I have just seen, but know not wt it is at present, unless it be an Abstract of the large 4to Book that is printed, but 'tis different from Roper's Life (wch I first printed) of Sir Thomas.

Yesterday the Judges came to Oxford for the Assizes, viz. Ld Chief Baron Montague & Mr. Baron Gilbert, and were at Church Morning and Evening this day. In the Morning the Sermon was at Merton Coll., where Mr. Britton of Merton Coll. preach'd, and in the Afternoon it was at St. Marie's, where Mr. Turner of the same Coll. preach'd. The said Mr. Britton is Minister of Holywell in Oxford. But the Judges did not go to the Univers. Sermon in the Afternoon, but to Cairfax, wch is the City Church, in Complimt to the Mayor, Mr. Boyse, where they lodge.

Aug. 1, 1723. C. Gray to H. (Rawl. 15. 36). Has carefully examined the transcript, and believes it is pretty exact. Has sent it by the carrier. Glad H. thought it worth his regard. 'This favour I must beg of You, that if you should ever have Occasion in any of your works to publish any little thing of mine, you'll only mention it as received of a friend at Colchester, or else not distinguish it from your own Collection; for tho' I esteem it an honour to be reckon'd among the Number of your Correspondents, yet I rather chuse to enjoy that happiness without the Vanity of letting every body know it.'

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Aug. 5 (Mon.). I am told that in destroying the Remains of y^e^ old Manour House of Woodstock lately, they dug up a Coffin, in w^ch^ they found a Gold ring of ab^t^ 10 or 12 shillings' price, on w^ch^ were these Words, *Remember the Covenant.*

The Assize Sermon before the Judges in Oxford was preached at S^t^. Marie's by M^r^. Thomas Fenton of X^t^ Church.

On Friday last was Sennight [there] was at Woodstock, & the adjacent Parts, a prodigious Storm of Lightning & Thunder, when the Mayor of Woodstock's House was damaged by it, but no one was kill'd. It was in the forenoon, ab^t^ 10 or 11 Clock.

One Richard Beard, an honest Man, lives at Caversham, by Reading, who knows many Things ab^t^ the old Chappel that formerly stood by Caversham Bridge, tho' he knows not to what Saint it was dedicated. I think it was to S^t^. Edmund.

Aug. 6 (Tu.). M^r^. Rogers, Fellow of Univ. College, told me last Friday that D^r^. Richard Richardson (my Friend) of Yorkshire, who is an excellent Antiquary and great Virtuoso, had a Brother who was much better vers'd in Coyns (of w^ch^ he had a good Collection) than the said D^r^.

Aug. 7 (Wed.). D^r^. Jasper Mayne was Minister of Cassington, near Oxford, w^ch^ he kept after he was Canon of X^t^ Church, giving this reason for it: 'Cassington kept me (that is, in the bad times[1]), & I now will keep Cassington.'

Aug. 8 (Th.). D^r^. Carter, Provost of Oriel College, is justly look'd upon as a vile Man, & a sneaking Hypocrite, w^ch^ last Name M^r^. Dyer called him to his face lately, upon account of his most scandalous behaviour in an Election of Fellows, when, tho' there were six Electors to four, yet the Provost would not allow that six were more than four, but insisted upon a strangely unheard of negative voice, so as to make four carry the point ag^t^ six, and the matter is now before the Visitor, to the great Injury of the College, & 'tis observable that that pitifull, silly Rascal, Bowles, is one of those that struck in & keeps now pace with the Provost, who, however, cares for Bowles no more than as a tool. This Provost is of a strange, reserved temper, being afraid almost to discover

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Aug. 7, 1723. G. Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 143). Received H.'s letters of May 28 and July 25. Directions for binding his and Mr. Talbot's copies of Heming. Has lately heard of a MS. about Corsham, which he will endeavour to get. 'I have no other news to tell you but that Beans are very scarce in these Parts, and I mention this only to let you know w^th^ w^t^ pleasure I feasted on a Mess of them later than this the last Year at your Chamber.'

Aug. 8, 1723. H. to G. Knowles (Diaries, 97. 94). Assures G. K. that he paid Mr. Dyer's and his own subscriptions for Materia Medica to Mr. William Lewis. 'My Circumstances will not permitt me to be a Subscriber to your new Book.'

Aug. 8, 1723. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 8). Has sent Leland's Itinerary for Mr. West, which he promised for 10 guineas. Asks H. to pay

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

his own Name, & yet he will do any thing for Interest. The President of S^t^. John's Coll. told him well lately that he had learned some things when he was young, & some not. Says he, 'M^r^. Provost, you have learned the Lord's prayer, because you must ask (for the Provost will ask for any Preferm^t^). The Creed you have not learned, because you must believe (whereas the Provost is of no Principles of Religion). The Commandments you have not learned, because you must answer (whereas this Provost will not give any Answer); and you have learned the French Tongue, because you must ask (it being said that he learned the French Tongue that he might qualify himself to go beyond Sea, tho' he was disappointed, with K. George, & ask of him preferment in that language, w^ch^ K. George understands, tho' he does not understand English).'

Aug. 9 (Fri.). At the last Oxford Assizes was a Tryal about a Plate stolen from Exeter College & melted down. A boy, Apprentice to the College Cook, & two Oxford Men, one of w^ch^ is one Warboys, a Letter Founder, were try'd upon this account. The boy was found guilty of stealing & melting down the Plate, & the two Men were found guilty of receiving the Silver, when melted down, and concealing it, and of giving Directions to the boy what to do. The Boy was, on Wednesday Morning last, condemned to be hanged, and the two Men were burnt in the hand the same morning, tho' the Judge told them they deserved hanging more than the boy. It is thought the boy will be got off.

Aug. 10 (Sat.). Yesterday, as I went with M^r^. West of Balliol College to Godstow, I read an imperfect Copy of Bale's 3^d^ Part of his Image of both Churches, in w^ch^ is a deal of ribaldry Stuff, but then many things in it serve to understand the monkish habits & customs.

M^r^. West (who is a pretty young Gentleman) told me he was born in the Year of the great Storm, viz. 1703.

Aug. 11 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal, dat. Aug. 10, 1723:—

On Monday[1] the Right Reverend D^r^. William Fleetwood, Bishop of Ely, departed this Life at Tottenham in the County of Middlesex, in the 67^th^ year of his Age, after a long Illness, occasioned by apoplectick and convulsive Fits. He had been Chaplain to King William and Queen Anne, was a Fellow of Eaton-College, and Rector of S^t^. Faith's, near S^t^. Paul's. He succeeded D^r^. Beveridge in the Bishoprick of S^t^. Asaph, to which he was consecrated the 6^th^ of June, 1708, and in the first Year of his present Majesty was translated to the Bishoprick of Ely, upon the Death of D^r^. John Moor, and was the 46^th^ Bishop thereof.

Thus the Journal. He was a Man of good Learning, and of a good Style, and had many good Qualities, tho' he was a great Whig in the latter Part of his Life, notw^th^standing he was otherwise once. He held a correspondence for some Years (in the latter part of his Life) with me,

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himself six guineas out of it for Robert of Gloucester, and to keep the rest until his return from Bath.

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[1] Aug. 5.

wch began when he was writing his Book abt St. Winefrid, in order to which, at his Request, I sent him several Things from the Bodl. Library.

Aug. 12 (Mon.). Dr. Egerton being newly married to a Sister (as they say) of my Ld Portland, he brought home his Wife last Week to Christ-Church, of wch he is Canon.

This day, in the forenoon, Mr. Powell, one of the Yeomen Beadles, call'd upon me, & ask'd me who was V. Princ. of Edm. Hall. I told him Mr. Creed, a Bach. of Arts, but that he was out of Town, as was the Principal also. He said he was here yesterday, but could find no body. I ask'd him his Business. He told me 'twas to have an Answer to a Question, but 'twas a Comical Question. I desir'd to know the Question, saying that the more comical it was, so much it was the more merry. He said it was to know whether there were any Roman Catholicks of the Hall. I told him there were none that I knew of. He said the Justices had sent to make Inquiry abt the University if there were any, and that Answer must be given in upon Oath, & that himself could swear there were none, so far as he knew.

Aug. 13 (Tu.). Yesterday Morning died of the Gravell Mr. Andrew Clayton, Taylour, of St. Clement's, near Oxford, in the 74th Year of his Age, who had been my Taylour ever since my first coming to Oxford, & was an honest Man, and was born at Chibneys in the Parish of Cudsden, near Oxon. He hath left a Brother behind him, that is 2 or 3 Years elder than himself, and is the Head Cook of All Souls College. This Andrew Clayton, tho' illiterate, yet us'd to love to talk of Antiquities & History.

Aug. 14 (Wed.). The famous Mr. John Raye, tho' he writ so much, yet he writ a fair hand, and very slow.

There is newly come out, in 8vo, ye second Ed. of *A compendious Way of teaching Ancient and Modern Languages*, &c. By J. T. Philipps, in wch is involv'd Rich. Carew's *true and ready way to learn ye Latin Tongue*, wch Mr. Philips tells us, in his Advertisemt to the Reader, was not

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Aug. 13, [1723]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 20). By to-day's carrier sends the little book, which is hardly worth carriage, much less H.'s acceptance. Since Dr. Middleton left, has less hope than ever of seeing the Bishop of Ely's books. Has heard nothing of Robert Moille. Note on a MS. Life of John Fisher, bp. of Rochester. [See Diary, June 24, 1724.]

Aug. 14, 1723. **H. to J. Murray** (Diaries, 97. 105). Received parcel for Mr. West, and delivered it same day. Mr. W. has not yet paid the 10 guineas. Glad of the prospect of J. M.'s company on his return from Bath. Wants anything remarkable relating to Robert of Gloucester and the Metrical History of Richard I. Please notice whether any old stones have been discovered near Bath since that of Julius Vitalis.

Aug. 14, 1723. **[G. Knowles] to H.** (Rawl. 15. 114). Had the favour of H.'s two days ago. Apologizes for his mistake about the subscriptions. 'As you are not in such a condition as to do me ye honour to subscribe to my new performance, I hope, sir, I shall have always your good word, which, I think, will go Farther than a bare subscription. I'm heartily sorry men of yr parts are not more consider'd. If you'd be so good as to name some that are able & inclinable to subscribe, I shall make my addresses to 'em, & if I get six

written by Rich[d] Carew, the celebrated Author of the Survey of Cornwall, as 'tis affirmed by M[r]. Wood, in his Athenæ Oxon., but by Rich[d] Carew, his Son.

In a vi[th] Number of *Bibliotheca litteraria*, newly come out, is a Letter from M[r]. Wasse, Rector of Aynoe, containing, among other things, a Continuation of the *Dissederata* in Learning, in w[ch] he takes notice that M[r]. Thwaites was the first that published *Priscian's Metaphrasis* upon *Dionysius's Periegesis*, w[ch] is a most strange Mistake.

Aug. 15 (Th.). Browne Willis, of Whaddon Hall in Bucks., Esq., being in Oxford, told me last Night that he was entered Gent. Com. of X[t] Ch. an. 1699, in the 17[th] Year of his Age. He said he hath 8 Children living, 4 Sons & 4 Daughters. He said he had six Thousand libs. Fortune with his Wife, who is an ingenious Woman.

He said he hath heard it several times said in the Packington Family that Queen Elizabeth lay with one of the Packingtons, a lusty, jolly, tall, proper Man. She happened to see him accidentally at a Meeting where she was, & desired, at breaking up, that he might stay, & an Apartment was provided for him. He was carried to bed. A Lady was brought to bed to him in the dark, & carry'd off again before light, w[ch] he had too good reason to think to be the Queen. He said Queen Elizabeth had two Daughters.

He said D[r]. Hutton, in his younger Years, took all the Epitaphs & Arms in Colleges, Chappells, & Churches in Oxford, & that my L[d] Harley hath this Book. He said that he had a Copy of the said Book, but that he lent it to that Rascal, Bowles of Oriel College, and could never get it again, Bowles denying that he had it. He says he believes that Bowles took those Epitaphs out of it for w[ch] John Le Neve, in his silly Collection of Monuments, quotes Bowles by this Note, *è MS. Bowles*. M[r]. Willis us'd once to speak mightily in Commendation of Bowles, but now he villifys him as one of the most profligate, illiterate Wretches living.

This Morning the R[t] Reverend D[r]. Thomas Wilson, B[p] of Man, call'd upon me, and staid with me some time at Edmund-Hall. He is a most worthy, ingenious, learned, honest Man. I never saw him but once before. He told me he had given my L[d] Harley some historical MSS. This B[p] hath done abundance of Good in his Diocese, having lived there, and instructed the Inhabitants in the Principles of the X[tian] Religion, & published a Book in the Manks and English Language upon the Subject of the X[tian] Religion, being the first Book ever printed in

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subscribers by y[r] means, you shall be entitled to a book gratis.' Encloses extract from the Bishop of Rochester's letter. [The Bishop's letter is copied in full in Knowles' letter of *c.* July 1, on fol. 113.] Sends an extract from his next book.

Aug. 15, 1723. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 14. 29). Is indebted for letter of June 25. The two ladies' names are to be entered as H. B. wrote them. Is at last promised the loan of Firebrace's Memoirs, 'a book I have been long enquiring after, on acc[t] of w[t] *Echard* quotes him for, in his acc[t] of y[e] K[g]'s intended excape from y[e] Isle of Wight, of his Majesty's sticking in y[e] window, w[ch] Lord *Clarend.* calls a *mere fiction*.' Wants to know how his account for Robert of Gloucester stands.

the Manks Language. He is a most excellent, good natured, pleasant Man, & hath a Son, a Commoner of Xt Church, a pretty young Gentleman.

Aug. 16 (Fri.). The said Bp of Man hath written an Account of the Isle of Man, wch is printed in the 2d Edition of Gibson's English Camden.

Aug. 17 (Sat.). Some time agoe Proposals were published for Printing Bp Burnett's *Secret History*. I am told that Burnett in this History says that Oates's Plot was all Trick, and that there was no such Thing at that time as a Popish Plot.

Dr. Grabe us'd always to be terribly afraid of Lightning and Thunder.

Aug. 18 (Sun.). Yesterday one Mr. Wallis call'd upon me with a small token from Mr. George Parker, the Astrologer, for him and me to drink. This Mr. Wallis is Son to the famous Dr. Wallis's own Brother, & was born in the Year 1649. He was a considerable Tradesman in London, & was wealthy, & is still in good Circumstances, so as to live comfortably, but complains of ye Ingratitude of Children, to whom he hath been too liberal, but says this Ingratitude is chiefly owing to his Wife, who, tho' she was to him as good a Wife as ever Man had, yet she was too indulgent to, and fond of, her Children, wch made them grow sawcy. She hath been dead some Years. This Mr. Wallis was once a great Admirer of Astrology, and had his Wive's & his own and other Nativities cast, but finding the Vanity & Fallacy of it, he gave it quite over, and now ridicules it.

He told me that Mr. George Parker was originally a Cutler and a Quaker, but his first Wife being a Church Woman, he turn'd a true Church of England Man, tho' at the same time his Wife turn'd Quaker, and so continu'd.

Aug. 19 (Mon.). I spent last Evening with Mr. Tho. Serjeant and Mr. Charles and Mr. James Joye. Mr. Serjeant hath a Place in the Tower of London. Some Years agoe I transcribed for him into a Copy of the Earl of Surrey's Poems many very considerable Corrections, from a Copy in the Bodlejan Library among Mr. Selden's Books, wch I did on purpose to oblige Mr. Serjeant, he having desired me to get it done. The two Joyes are Brothers, and very rich.

Aug. 20 (Tu.). The young Lady that Mr. Van Cittart of Shottesbrooke in Berks. hath married is Daughter of Sir John Stonehouse, by his first Lady, and she is very handsome, as all Sir John's Daughters are.

Aug. 21 (Wed.). Mr. James Joye told me Yesterday that he hath got Bale's Account of Sir John Oldcastle, but that it cost him dear.

Aug. 20, 1723. H. to [F. Gyles] (Pencil draft, Rawl. 39. 121). 'You may easily guess from my long silence yt I have not been able to help you to the two Copies of Heming you desire. . . . As to my putting down Names, it was purely because you desired it. . . . And since by putting them down I complyed with your Request, I little exspected to have been abus'd by you for it.' Will apply the two guineas to Robert of Gloucester.

Mr. Serjeant hath Xtoph. Saxon's Maps of England coloured, with Q. Elizabeth's Picture also in Colours. I have these Maps, but without Colours, and without the Queen's Picture. There is one in Bodley's Archives with the Queen's Picture, wch Book is likewise colour'd. [. . . .]

Mr. Gagnier told me to-day, in the Afternoon, that Mr. Wild, the Taylour, had prodigious Skill in Arabick, considering he was illiterate (having no Latin), and no Scholar otherwise. Dr. Mead hath this poor Taylour's MSS., wch, indeed, are wonderfull, being fairly written, & with great Accuracy. Among them is a Transcript by him of Abulfeda, tho' not quite perfect, & another, tho' not quite perfect, of ye Arabick Physitians. Mr. Gagnier designs to perfect both these for Dr. Mead. Dr. Mead desires Mr. Gagnier, if he hath occasion to speak of this poor Taylour, to do it with respect & honour.

Mr. Gagnier told me yt Dr. Wilkins understands very little Hebrew, & hardly anything of Arabick.

Aug. 22 (Th.). Yesterday I recd from Cambridge, by the Gift of Mr. Baker of St. John's College in that Univ., Stowe's Summary of his Chronicles, wch, tho' imperfect at Beginning and End, I mightily value, because there is Stowe's Preface in it, wanting in after Editions (tho' I cannot tell when even this came out), which confirms my Conjecture abt Stowe's being Author of the Fragments I recd of Mr. Murray, and reprinted in the Appendix to Heming's Chartulary of the Church of Worcester, and that they belong'd to some short Chronicle, Stowe quoting these Fragments as his own Work in the said Preface.

Aug. 23 (Fri.). Dr. Wittie, in p. 55 of his Scarborough Spaw, commends the Assembly of Divines' Exposition upon Job as an excellent Thing.

Aug. 24 (Sat., St. Barthol.). Tully tells us, at the beginning of the ivth Book of his Tusc. Questions, that the Pythagoræans us'd to put their Precepts and other Things of moment into verse, and that the old Romans us'd, according to the custom of the Pythagoræans, when they sat at Banquets, to recite the virtues & Praises of great men in verse, & to sing and play upon the Pipe upon such occasions, and thence, as I take it, even the old Britains also addicted themselves so much to verse, tho' as well the Pythagoræans as Romans & Britains took care that no verse should tend to the Injury of another, one of the Laws of the XII Tables expressly forbidding any such Indecency.

Yesterday died at his House at Kidlington, near Woodstock, John Conant, Dr. of ye Civil Law, and formerly Fellow of Merton College. He was Son of the famous Dr. John Conant, Rector of Exeter College, who was a very learned Divine, as this Son of his was also an ingenious Man, and an eminent Practitioner in Drs.' Commons, as is observed in the 2d, or spurious, Ed. of Athenæ Oxon., tho' not so characteriz'd in the 1st, or genuine, Ed.

Aug. 25 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of Yesterday, Aug. 24:—

Friday Sennight dy'd at Epsom Sir Edward Northey, Kt, formerly Attorney-General.

Last Week dy'd at Farnham castle Dr. Trimnel, the 75th Bishop of Winchester; he was formerly Archdeacon of Norfolk, and Chaplain to her late Majesty, and Clerk of the Closet; he was consecrated Bishop of Norwich in February, 1708, and, upon the Death of Sir Jonathan Trelawny, was translated to the See of Winchester.

This Morning St. Peter's Bell in the East, Oxford, rung for one Mrs. Smith of the said Parish, a pretty young Woman, Wife of one Smith, a Shoemaker of that Parish, who is an idle fellow, tho' she was an industrious Woman. She died of the Small Pox, and was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the Evening, and that Evening was buried in the same Yard Mrs. Winter, Wife of one Winter, a rich Shoemaker of that Parish.

Aug. 26 (Mon.). There was formerly, during the time the Abbey was standing, a great Fair at Reading for the Abbey upon St. James's Day (July 25), and the three following days, St. James's Arm being placed in the Abbey by K. Hen. I. Robt of Gloucester, with Wm Malmsb., makes the Abbey of Reading to be founded by Hen. I for Cluniack Monks, but the Editors of the Monasticon shew it was for Benedictines. Vide Mon. A., Tom. i, p. 417.

Aug. 27 (Tu.). On Saturday last, about three clock Afternoon, died Mrs. Rance, at Chippen Wiccomb in Bucks., as she was returning in the Stage Coach with her Husband, my Printer, Mr. John Rance, Senior, of Holywell, Oxon., from London, where she had been about 6 or 7 Weeks with her Son-in-Law, Mr. Johnson, a Wine-Cooper, who married their eldest Daughter, & lives with her very well. Mrs. Rance had been in a languishing Condition a good while, & was wasted to a Sceleton, & went off without a Sigh or Grown, in the 64 Year of her Age, as she lay upon the Bed, for she did not go into it, about 2 Hours after she got out of ye Coach. She was a Kentish Woman, her Maiden Name Credinden, & she was well descended from the Sidneys, a considerable Family, so yt one of Mr. Rance's Daughters (the second now living) is named Sidney, born in the Year 1699. Mrs. Rance had a Brother, Mr. Credinden, who was one of the Theater Printers, was an excellt Workman, & hath been dead many Years. Mrs. Rance was buried to-night in Holywell Church.

Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc. shire, told me to-day (he being in

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Aug. 26, 1723. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 97. 124). 'Mr. Webb, in his Vindication of Inigo Jonnes's Stonehenge against Dr. Charleton, makes Mr. Bolton to be the Author of *Nero Cæsar*.' Has been told that a new discourse on Stonehenge, containing a new draught, is coming out. 'I must needs think that we have had already good Draughts, at least, we cannot well disprove them, considering the Alterations that have happen'd for the Weather and other Accidents since they were first taken.' Often wonders that Dr. Charleton never published a defence of himself.

Aug. 27, 1723. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 14. 30). Asks H. to admit Legh Master, Esq., of New Hall, co. Lanc., for Robert of Gloucester: he proposes to be a perpetual subscriber, and wants as many of H.'s books as can be procured. Mr. Cotton will probably be out of town all the summer. Hopes H. received the little parcel from Mr. Baker.

Oxford) that he hath got Capgrave's *Legenda Aurea*, wch he bought for fifteen Shillings.

Bale, in his English Votaries, Part ii, fol. xxiii b, speaking of the Witch of Barkeley, tells us that this Barkeley is in Barkeshyre, whereas 'tis in Gloucestershire. The figure of ye Woman's being carried away by the Devil is in Shedel's Nuremberg Chronicle. Mr. Graves hath a most fine Copy of the said Nuremberg Chronicle. I have a Copy, but nothing like his for fineness, as he tells me. He gave three Guineas for his. Mr. Graves tells me that the Bookseller he purchas'd his Nuremberg Chronicle of hath another of a different Edition, & not of so many Cuts by far. The said Bookseller lives at Stratford upon Avon.

Whereas Dr. Wm Bradshaw, Canon of Xt Church, was made Dr. at Lambeth, & never took it in either University, this day, at 9 Clock in the Morning, was a Convocation in wch the University conferr'd on him the Degree of Dr. of Divinity by Diploma, there being, as I am told, a full House for the time of year, among wch was Dr. Baker, Warden of Wadham College, who was consecrated Bp of Bangor abt a fortnight agoe.

Aug. 28 (Wed.). One Mr. Samuel Smith lives at York, who, tho' but a Baker, is yet very skillfull and curious in Coyns, particularly our English Coyns since the Conquest, and I am told by Mr. Graves, who hath seen them, that he hath an excellent collection, well digested, of those since the Conquest, and that he hath been in most parts of the Kingdom, & never omitts any Opportunity of furnishing himself, tho' at the same time he makes it his Business to sell them again, so that he makes a trade of it. He hath few Saxon Coyns, but abundance of Roman ones. He is about fifty Years of Age, and hath held a correspondence with Dr. Fleetwood, late Bp of Ely, and other noted Men. He is a rich Man, and hath some Learning, and, as he says, 'twas his Natural Genius that spurr'd him on to Coyns.

Aug. 29 (Th.). When Mr. Chillingworth's Safe Way was in the Press at Oxon., great care was taken abt it by Archbp Laud, and others, that nothing should be in it but what was for the service of ye Church of England, they being much afraid, considering he had been a Roman Catholick.

Aug. 30 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. Samuel Gale call'd upon me in the Afternoon, and we spent some hours together. He is a Brother of Roger Gale, Esq. He told me (and I heard so before) that Dr. Stukeley is about a new Discourse upon Stonehenge, in wch he will give a new Draught, pretending that none of the old Draughts are true. But this Dr. Stukeley is not much admired among judicious Men, being an hypothetical, fancifull Man, & his Draughts are generally according to his Fancy, & not as the Things really are themselves. This Dr. Stukeley is very conceited, as I am well assur'd, tho' Mr. Gale seems to be much for him & his way. Mr. Gale told me this Stukeley designs Draughts and Accounts of the Remains of all the Roman Cities now to be seen among us. Mr. Gale shew'd me a Draught of an old Monumt at Ramsey. 'Tis ingrav'd, & inscrib'd by Dr. Stukeley to Mr. Gale,

and call'd by Stukeley, *Aylwine the Alderman* (*Founder of Ramsey Abbey*) *his Monum*^{t}, w^{ch} is fancy, since there is no Inscription on it to shew it so.

Aug. 31 (Sat.). The Honour of Richmond is lately published in Folio by Roger Gale, Esq., being a piece of Domesday Book, to w^{ch} he hath put an Appendix of other Things of the same kind. This Book was first undertaken by M^{r}. Hare, the late Herald, and he put out Proposals ab^{t} it, but after his Death M^{r}. Gale undertook it.

Last Night died of the small Pox, at her Lodging in the Old Butcher Rowe, Oxon., Miss Weekes, a very pretty young Girl of 14 Years of Age, the only Child of the late M^{r}. Abr. Weekes of Magd. Coll., who married the Widow of the late M^{r}. Walker, of the King's Head Tavern, Oxon., w^{ch} Walker had no Child by his said Wife, who was a fine Woman, even when Weekes married her, & she was very rich, but Weekes spent all, w^{ch} I suppose might break her heart, for she hath been dead also several Years.

Sept. 1 (Sun.). The said Miss Weeks had been at the Horse Race in Port Meadow, on Tuesday, where she had a fall from her Horse, w^{ch} put her into such a fright that, upon her return to her Lodgings, she had the Small Pox, w^{ch} prov'd mortal. The said Horse Race began on the said Tuesday, & lasted till Friday night last, being one day longer than 'twas last year.

Sept. 2 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal, Sat., Aug. 31, 1723:—

On the 19th Instant (Aug.) died at Brussels, of the Small-Pox, Mary Ann, Countess of Derwentwater, aged 30 Years, Widow of the late Earl of Derwentwater, who was beheaded on Tower-Hill for High Treason, Feb. 24, 1716. She was Daughter of Sir John Webb of Dorsetshire. Her Corps was carried the next Day to Louvain, to be interr'd there in the Church of the English Regular Canonesses of S^{t}. Austin. The Death of this Lady is much regretted for her extraordinary Piety, extensive Charity, and other excellent Qualities. In a Word, she was an illustrious Example of all moral and divine Virtues; she has left issue two Sons, Children of her said deceased Lord.

Last Week dy'd one Dixon, at his Seat in Staffordshire; all that's remarkable of him is that he was born, kept a Fishmonger's Shop near Temple Bar, and died worth 20,000 l.

About the same time died the Reverend and learned M^{r}. Joseph Bingham, sometime Fellow of University College in Oxford, Rector of Havant and Hedborn Worthy in Hampshire, and author of a celebrated Book entituled, *Origines Ecclesiasticæ*, in 10 Volumes, 8vo. He was presented by the late D^{r}. Ratcliff to the Living of Hedborn Worthy, which is now in the Gift of University College aforesaid.

Sept. 3 (Tu.). M^{r}. Graves hath an old Parchment Roll, beginning at K. Athelstan and ending with Edw. I, containing a short Account of our Kings and Princes, with their Pictures. It is in French, but im-

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Sept. 3, 1723. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 16). [See account of this letter, Diary, Sept. 8.]

perfect both at Beginning [and] at Ending. For I believe it began with Adam, & was brought to about the time of K. Richd IId.

Out of an old vellam MS. shew'd me by Mr. Graves to-day, in wch, among other things, is a little thing, *De mirabilibus Britanniæ*, the last Paragraph of wch is this:—

¶ Sunt magni lapides in Oxenfordensi pago, manu hominum, quasi sub quadam connexione, dispositi, set à quo tempore, vel a qua gente, vel ad quid memorandum vel signandum, factum fuerit ignoratur. Ab incolis autem vocatur latus[1] ille Rolendryth[2].

The said Tract by the hand seems to be something more than 300 Years old. What is said in it about Stonehenge is this:—

¶ Apud Stanhengist lapides miræ magnitudinis in modum portarum elevati sunt, ut portæ portis superpositæ videantur, nec potest excogitare qua arte elevati sunt, vel qualiter constructi[3].

Sept. 4 (Wed.). Mr. Timothy Thomas writ to me lately to know my Authority for calling Mr. Bolton the Author of Nero Cæsar. He is mentioned as such by Mr. Webb in his Defence of Inigo Jones's Stonehenge agt Dr. Charleton, pag. 28.

The Title of Keysler's Book, in wch there is an account of Stonehenge to be of the Danes, is, *Antiquitates selectæ Septentrionales & Celticæ, per Joh. Georgium Keysler; Hannoveræ*, 1720, 8o.

On Monday Night last was buried at St. Aldate's, Oxon., Mr. Yates, a Maulster of yt Parish, who died of a Cancer in his Tongue. His elder Brother lives at ye Minchery of Littlemore.

Sept. 5 (Th.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a smoaking Match over against the Theater in Oxford, a Scaffold being built up for it just at Finmore's, an Alehouse. The Conditions were that any one (Man or Woman) that could smoak out three Ounces of Tobacco first, without drinking or going off the stage, should have twelve Shillings. Many try'd, and 'twas thought that a Journyman Taylour of St. Peter's in the East would have been victor, he smoaking faster than, and being many Pipes before, the rest, but at last he was so sick that 'twas thought he would have dy'd, & an old Man that had been a Souldier, & smoak'd gently, came off Conquerour, smoaking the 3 Ounces quite out, and he told one (from whom I had it) that after it he smoak'd four or five Pipes ye same Evening.

Sept. 6 (Fri.). On Thursday Morning last Sir Robert Jenkinson & his Lady (a Daughter of Sir Robt Dashwood), being in Oxford at the Race time, were robb'd at the Cross Inn, where they lay. They had been up late at the Ball at the Council Chamber, and did not go to bed till about four that Morning. About ten that Morning, when Sir Robert rose, he miss'd about 18 Guineas and a diamond ring (a family ring) of about sixty Guineas, & his Lady miss'd two Guineas out of her Pocket, and yet Sir Robt had put his Breeches under his Pillow, & his Lady her Pocket

[1] f. locus. [2] f. Rolendrych.
[3] NB. Mr. Graves afterwards gave me the said MS.

under her Pillow, but some body (the door being not either lock'd or bolted) convey'd both from under the Pillows, while these two young couple were fast asleep, and 'tis thought ['twas] a Woman that went away that Morning, she having come in about Tuesday before, & was single, but had a good Gelding. The Woman is between 40 & 50 Years of age, as is suppos'd, carry'd her self very civilly, but, since the fact, they recollect that she was very prying, went to all y^e^ Rooms of y^e^ House, had a room that look'd into Sir Rob^t's^, burnt no Candle, so y^t^ she could see every thing done there, & they remember she had been at this Inn about a Month before, when a Silver Spoon, & something else, was miss'd, w^ch^ occasions suspicion y^t^ this Woman took them away, tho' they should not have suspected her, had not this Fact happen'd. She paid her reckoning that morning very well, and gave handsomely to the Servants. 'Tis remarkable that Sir Rob^t's^ Lady's Jewells (worth about fifteen hundred Pounds) lay upon the Table, and yet were not meddled with.

Sept. 7 (Sat.). At Kennington, near Abbington in Berks., is a Tenement call'd Swadling's Tenement, w^ch^ hath belong'd to the Swadlings ever since the time of Edw. VI, and, I think, longer, tho' it be part of the Estate of M^r^. Powell of Sandford, near Oxford. These Swadlings were formerly Gentlemen, tho' otherwise now, the said Tenement being at present an Ale-house, kept by one John Swadling lately, but he dying about 9 Years since, his Widow now keeps it, being since (ab^t^ 3 Quarters of a Year agoe) married to one West. A conceited fellow yesterday (I am told, a Paper Maker by Trade) was at the House, & after he had drunk there, he resolved to shoot down the Sign (the Rose & Crown), but the first Shoot [*sic*] not doing, he shot with his Gun a 2^d^ time, & down it fell, being broke to pieces, & 'tis well he did not fire the House, being thatch'd.

Sept. 8 (Sun.). The hon^ble^ Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., informs me, in a Letter from Paris dated Sept. 3, 1723, that that Country affords little pleasure in y^e^ search of Antiquities; not that there is an intire want of them, but they are so disposed that it requires much time & application to see them. The King's Library, being under some new regulations & alterations, is intirely shut up. His Closet of Medalls, &c., cannot be seen without an Order from himself. Indeed, at Versailes, in the Gardens, are several antique figures, w^ch^ M^r^. Calvert took some pains to examine. There are 3 senatorial figures, att y^e^ feet of each a sort of *Capsa*, or Coffer. But y^t^ w^ch^ seems most valuable, as best executed, is one of Titus, the Roman Emperour, in the Military habit, resting one hand on a shield; on his Brest is represented two Angels, as it were supporting a Candlestick with seven Branches. This M^r^. Calvert takes to be his triumph after the taking of Jerusalem.

Sept. 9 (Mon.). The Causey (as we go to Abbington) in the Midway between Oxford and Kennington, just as we turn to go to Kennington, being extremely bad & narrow, it is now repairing & making far broader, as broad, I think, again at least.

M^r^. Taylor of University College hath got a MS. Copy, in 8^vo^, of Brasen Nose College Statutes, w^ch^ he shew'd me to-day. The *major*

pars eligentium there is expressly said to be the *numerical major pars*, or if there be an equality, then in the Senior Fellow.

Sept. 10 (Tu.). On Saturday Night last, between eleven and twelve Clock, a fire happened in Gloucester Green, Oxon., occasion'd by the Carelessness of a Manservant that lookt after ye Horses of Sir Edward O'Bryan, of Ball. Coll., Baronet, but being at a Distance from other Houses, viz. at the Corner on this side Worcester College, it burnt no more than the Stable in wch it happened, which Stable was rented by Sir Edward O'Bryan of Mrs. Ammond, who lives in a single House on the North side of Gloucester Green.

Sept. 11 (Wed.). On Saturday Evening last dropp'd from his Horse, of a fit of an Apoplexy, a Gentleman that was coming into Oxford, just by St. Gyles's Church. He was afterwards found to be Mr. William Atwood, an Atturney of Gray's Inn, London. He dy'd immediately after the Fall, & was buried last Night at St. Gyles's [1]. He had been in the Country about Business of his Profession. On Friday he came from Euston, & lay that Night at Woodstock, but was so ill when he came to Woodstock that he was forced to be lifted off his horse. Next Morning he drank a Pot of Coffee & a little brandy, as I have heard, but was very ill, & therefore they would have had him staid, but he said he would go that day to Oxford, & no farther, believing the air would do him good. He was a fat, lusty man, & travelled without a servant. I saw a Londoner yesterday who knew him, but says he had but an indifferent Character as to his honesty.

Sept. 12 (Th.). A Matter of Law being in debate between two considerable Tradesmen of Oxford, and it being to be ended by a Jury of 12 Men, after the Jury had been many hours about ye Matter, & sent back & lock'd up together more than once, & after all being not unanimous, but 7 against 5, at last they agreed to end it by ballotting, so that he should have it who had that side to wch the Paper mark'd with such a dot fell. Accordingly, it fell to the Party of five, so that they all gave in their Evidence for that side. Afterwards one Williams, an Upholsterer, who was one of ye Jury, & was the Person that propos'd this Method, talking of it, the thing took Air, & a Prosecution was design'd to be carried on agt them, wch one Brazier, a Glover of St. Peter's in the East, another of the Jury, understanding, he was so terrified that he presently answered upon Oath to Interrogatories that were put to him, & confess'd that he was forsworn, as, indeed, all the 12 were, in acting so contrary to all manner of Justice, it being against the Method of our Laws, destructive of all Methods of Judicature, & indeed, utterly to the prejudice of the person that had 7, who certainly ought to have had the cause. The thing being so, the Suit is as it was, and these perjur'd Persons' Verdict stands for nothing.

Sept. 13 (Fri.). Tho' the late Mr. Millington, of London, Bookseller, was certainly the best Auctioneer in the World, being a man of great Wit

[1] In St. Michael's Church, Oxon.

and Fluency of Speech, & a thorough Master of his trade, tho' at the same time very impudent and saucy, yet he was a rascal, & could not at the end of Auctions be brought to give an Account to the Persons that employ'd him, so that by y^t^ means he allow'd w^t^ he pleased, & no more, & kept a great Number of Books that were not sold to himself. Whence arose that vast stock of Books, tho' most of them but ordinary, that he had when he dyed, & which after his death were sold by Auction.

Sept. 15 (Sun.). Thomas Paynell translated from Latin into English Saluste's Catiline's Conspiracy, w^ch^ was printed in 4^to^ at London, in Foster lane, by John Waley, but the title Page being wanting in my Book (given me by M^r^. James West, Gent. Com. of Balliol Col.), I cannot tell the Year when. It is dedicated to Hen. VIII, to whom Paynell was Chaplain, as he says himself, and he acknowledges Hen. VIII to be Supream head of the Church of England. M^r^. Wood gives an Account of this Paynell in his Athenæ Oxon., but he had never seen this Book (otherwise he w^ld^ have mention'd it, & signify'd that Paynell was Chaplain to Hen. VIII), nor another bound with it, being a Translation from Latin into English of Saluste's Chronicle of the Jugurthin War by syr Alexander Barklaye, prieste, but perused, corrected, and published by the said Thomas Paynell, who dedicates it to the r^t^ hon^ble^ L^d^ Antonye, Vycount Mountegue, one of the kynge and Queene's Majesties' (Ph. & Mary) privy Counsayle, imprinted at London, in Foster lane, by Jhon Waley, 1557. It was translated by Barkeley, at commaundemente of Thomas, Duke of Northfolk. M^r^. Wood also gives an Account of Barkeley (tho' he says nothing of this Translation), & notes y^t^ he was D^r^. of Div., tho' by the word *Syr* here mentioned in the Translation one would think he were only Batch. of Arts when he made this Translation, *Sir* being a Title for Batchelours in that faculty.

Sept. 16 (Mon.). Last Week came News to Town of the Death of M^r^. Edw. Radcliffe, M.A. & Fellow of Brazen-Nose Coll. This Gentleman was said, & not without just Grounds, to be married to M^rs^. Peggy Mears, who died several years since, & is buried in Braz. Nose Coll. Chappel. M^r^. Radcliffe was a good natur'd Man, but killed himself with hard drinking, having some time since, for a long while together, continually entertained that sot, George Ward (commonly called Jolly Ward) of Univ. Coll. M^r^. Radcliffe died in Lancashire.

Sept. 17 (Tu.). Yesterday M^r^. Hallifax, Iron-Monger in the Corn Market, was elected Mayor, & M^r^. Vicars, the Mercer, & M^r^. Guy, the Joyner, Bayliffs of the City of Oxford.

Sept. 17, 1723. H. to B. L. Calvert (Diaries, 97. 154). Was pleased to hear that B. L. C. had reached Paris safely. Thinks the figures on the breast of Titus are not angels, but *Victoriæ* or *Victoriolæ*, such as are often seen on coins supporting the shields of great generals. [See Diary, Sept. 8.] Will be glad to hear that the journey to France has been successful. Wants to know what Saxon coins they have in those parts, and whether they have any of King Athelstan's. In what manner is the sceptre of this prince made? Description of one in an old roll belonging to Mr. Graves. 'Robert

Sept. 18 (Wed.). Young Miss Weeks, whom I have mentioned above, Aug. 31, was buried on Sunday Night, Sept. 1, in S^t^. Ebbe's Church, Oxon., a great many being at her Funeral. She was related to Brazier, a Glover of S^t^. Peter's in the East, Oxon., & she hath left 500 libs., part of w^ch^ is said to come to the said Brazier, or else to his Son, a Querister of Magd. Coll., a poor, silly, empty boy, a little older than Miss Weeks, who, however, was design'd to have been marry'd (had she lived) in a little time to this Boy.

On Monday last, in the forenoon, old goody Stone, a Laundress, dropt down dead suddenly, as she was going into University College to gather her Linnen, being about 3 score & 10 years of Age. She was formerly Kitchen Woman of Brazennose Coll. She was Sister to old M^rs^. Halley, of Heddington, near Oxon., who died lately, & was a Woman of good reputation, manag'd a farm well, & was a neat, cleanly woman.

Sept. 19 (Th.). One James Mundy, a young man, an Ingraver now in Oxford, hath published Proposals for printing by Subscription a very large Prospect of Oxford, from the South West. I wish rather that the old Map of Oxford of Agas's were reprinted, & a new one of present Oxford done like it, to represent all the Streets, buildings, &c., & their Names.

[Extract from the Bodleian MS. of *Robert of Gloucester*, in the handwriting of Mr. James West, omitted.]

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Sept. 20 (Fri.). M^r^. John Bagford, a little before he dyed, told me y^t^ he walk'd once into y^e^ Country on purpose to see the famous M^r^. John Bunnyan, that writ the Pilgrim's Progress (a Book much in vogue amongst Country People, & some others), and his study. When he came, he found John at home, & was rec^d^ by him very civilly. He told him y^e^ occasion of his coming, & said he had a great curiosity to see his study (as well as himself). *There*, says John, pointing to a shelf, *is all my study*, w^ch^ was nothing but a Bible & a Parcell of his own Books of y^e^ Pilgrim's Progress.

Sept. 21 (Sat.). Tho' the Valuations of the Oxford Livings or Benefices be in the old printed Valor Beneficiorum, yet they are not in

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of Gloucester goes on apace, & takes up much the greatest part of my Conversation.'

Sept. 17, 1723. H. to [Charles] Lowe (Diaries, 97. 160). Has received Mr. Calvert's letter, and encloses an answer. Will send Mr. C.'s copy of Robert of Gloucester to C. L., when finished.

Sept. 19, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 43). Thanks for answer to inquiry. Quotes some lines from Gill's Logonomia Linguæ Anglicanæ said to be by Robert of Gloucester. [For part of this letter, see Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lix.] What reason is there for thinking Robert of Brunne and Robert of Gloucester to be the same person? [PS.] 'There is just now an Acc^t^ come to Town of another Barbarous Murder, by y^e^ same Villains, on 4 persons, near y^e^ very place where poor M^r^. Seabright and his Companions were butchered. They are two french Gentlemen & 2 french Ladies.'

Sept. 21, 1723. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 136). Arrived safely from his journey into Staffordshire. Has not heard from Mr. Fancourt about the

ye new one published by Mr. Ecton, for wch omission he hath given no reason, being not perhaps acquainted with it, but the reason is, because the University petitioned K. James I about 1st Fruits & Tenths, & he thereupon granted such an Exemption.

From Mist's Journal of this day, viz. Sept. 21, Saturd., 1723:—

They wrote from Dover, Sept. 14, that the Day before, Col. Churchill, with two other Gentlemen, arrived there from Calais, by whom they receiv'd the following Account, viz. that on Thursday Morning last, Mr. Sebright and Mr. Davis being in one Chaise, and Mr. Mompesson and a Servant in another Chaise, with one Servant on Horseback, pursuing their way to Paris, were, about seven Miles from Calais, attack'd by six Ruffians, who demanded the three hundred Guineas which they said were in their Pockets and Portmanteaus. The Gentlemen readily submitted, and surrender'd the money; yet the Villains, after a little Consultation, resolv'd to murder them, and thereupon shot Mr. Sebright thro' the Heart, and gave the Word for killing the rest. Then Mr. Davis, who was in the Chaise with him, shot at one of them, miss'd the Fellow, but kill'd his Horse, upon which he was immediately kill'd, being shot and stabb'd in several Places. Mr. Mompesson and the two Servants were likewise soon dispatch'd in a very barbarous Manner. During this bloody Scene, Mr. John Locke coming down a Hill within Sight of them, in his Return from Paris, the Ruffians sent two of their Party to meet and kill him; which they did, before the poor Gentleman was apprized of any danger; but his Man, who was a Swiss, begging hard for his Life, was spared. This happening near a small Village where they had taken their second Post, a Peasant came by in the Interim, and was also murdered. They partly flead and otherwise mangled the Horse that was kill'd, to prevent its being known, so that 'tis believed they did not live far from Calais. The unfortunate Gentlemen afore-mentioned, not being used to travel, had unwarily discovered at Calais what Sums they had about them, by exchanging their Guineas for Louis d'Ors, which is supposed to have given Occasion to this dismal Tragedy.

On Monday last the Junior, Captain Adams, arrived in the River from Calais, having on Board the Bodies of these unfortunate Gentlemen, the Servants that were kill'd at the same time being buried in that Country.

Last Wednesday the Bodies of Mr. Seabright and Mr. Davies, who were barbarously murdered by Ruffians on their way to Paris, were carried out of Town to be interred in Hertfordshire.

The said Mr. Sebright was the only Brother of my Friend, Sir Thomas Sebright, of Beachwood in Hartfordshire, and was Gentleman Commoner of Balliol College, and had his Master of Arts' Degree given him this last Summer by the University. He had a very good Estate left him lately by an Uncle. He was a sweet natured youn[g] Gentleman, and had been at Paris more than once.

Sept. 23 (Mon.). Mr. Robt Peirce, Rector of Scotere in Lincolnshire, tells me that Mr. Wesly (Rector of Epworth in that County) hath a MS. of all the Orders of the Nuns. The said Mr. Peirce hath a MS. Parchment about Scotere Hall, wch was built by Acharius as a Retiring Place for the Benedictines of Peterborough. They have a tradition there that two Sisters (Kineburga & Cyneswitha) built the Churches of Scotere

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MSS. Returns the three guineas, with thanks; also half a guinea for Dr. Leigh's History of Cheshire. Has enclosed the money in a MS., which he asks H. to accept.

and Scotun. Dr. Morley (Rector of Lincoln College) is Rector of the said Scotun.

Sept. 24 (Tu.). The said Dr. Morley is a married Man. His Wife is a young Woman, & rides generally without Head-cloaths, & is much taken notice of in Lincolnshire, & is not a little caress'd.

Xtoph. Wase, the Beadle, printed his Stricturæ Nonianæ by Subscription, at six Pence apiece.

Sept. 25 (Wed.). The Inscription on one of Edmund Hall Plates, that hath been in my room some Years, is this:—

Cancellario et Magistris Vniversitatis Oxon., | In usum Principalis et Scholarium Aulæ | S. Edmundi, Poculum hoc DD D. Ricardus Newdegate, filius Thomæ Newdegate, de Lewes in agro Sussexiæ, armigeri, Superioris Ordinis Commensalis, Anno Dom. MDCXCVIIII.

There is a Book lately printed in 8vo, a posthumous Thing, call'd General Monk's Life, written by Thomas Skynner, M.D., Author of ye iiid Part of Elenchus Motuum, the ii first Parts of wch were written by Dr. Bate. This Life of Monk is much of the same strain with the said Continuation of Bate, & yet there is a 2d Edition of it.

Sept. 26 (Th.). The Bible being lately printed in Welsh, the Person yt took care of it was Moses Williams, who took such a liberty of altering it, without any Authority, from wt 'twas before, yt he is universally condemn'd, & the Bible upon yt account is not vendible.

Sept. 27 (Fri.). Yesterday was St. Clement's Fair, near Oxford, a statutable Fair for hiring servants, but a very mean thing, of no other account but for Children's Baubles, &c.

[Anecdote of the Earl of Rochester omitted.]

Sept. 28 (Sat.). Mr. West of Balliol Coll. told me yesterday that last Week (on Friday) he went over with his Tutor, Mr. Best (Fellow of Balliol College), to see Dr. Conant of Kidlington's Study, & that it is large, & contains abundance of good Books, among others, many of our English Historians & Antiquaries.

Sept. 29 (Sun., Mich. day). From Mist's Journal of Sept. 28, 1723:—

Mr. Spindelo, Servant to Mr. Seabright, who, with the other English Gentlemen, was murther'd by the Ruffians near Calais, is not yet dead, but

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Sept. 25, 1723. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Rawl. 34. 97). 'When my Friend, Mr. Graves, ... was lately in Oxford, he was pleased to take notice that your Auction Catalogues always came too late to him, for wch reason he could wish they might, for the future, be transmitted to him in good time.' Progress of Robert of Gloucester.

Sept. 27, 1723. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 140). His nephew, Mr. Rolleston, will pay 36 guineas, viz. six in acknowledgment for Heming, and 30 for subscriptions for Robert of Gloucester. Believes the Continuation by Mr. Casley is well done: thinks H. might make public mention of his having transcribed it from the King's Library.

in a way of Recovery, tho' he receiv'd seven Wounds, and some of them very dangerous.

On Tuesday Night last the Body of Mr. Lock, one of the Gentlemen that was robb'd and murder'd near Calais, was interr'd in the Dissenters' Burying-Ground at Bunhil-Fields.

Roger Bacon guilty of a great Error in affirming that Xtians ought to play[1] & work upon the Sabbath day, as is shew'd by Picus Mirandula advers. Astrol., l. ii, c. 5. For ought I know, Bacon's Notion might be the occasion, in some measure, of fairs being so much kept on Sundays. He thought Saturday should be a day of rest, because Saturn is a Star not agreeable to labour, *stella rebus agendis parum commoda & felix.*

Politian was an excellt Corrector of Authors. So ibid., l. vi, c. 15: *Legitur hic versus mendosus vulgo, ut pleraque alia. Castigavit Politianus, cujus in libris emendandis fides probata, summa diligentia, rara eruditio.*

Oct. 1 (Tu.). The Revd Mr. Thomas Ford informs me that a Roman tessellated Pavemt (with many Coyns) hath lately been opened at Cirencester in Gloucestershire, wch Pavement appears to have been discovered before. It is on the South Side of the Town. Abt two Furlongs from it they have just now discovered another Piece of Roman Work, of a more rough kind, much like your modern earthen Floors, compos'd of small Fragments of Roman Brick and Playster. The Thickness of the Floor abt 8 or 9 Inches, supported by Pillars of Roman Brick abt 2 feet & ½ high. The Pillars were about a foot & ½ distance from one another, & Mr. Foord thinks that they were of no other use but to keep the place dry. He is of opinion that it was a Granary.

He tells me of a MS. of the Text of Lynwood in the hands of a Friend (older than that I have); in the same hands of a MS. of Ivo Carnotensis; of a iiid containing the Acts of the Apostles & the Epistles, a very old one, with several alterations or scratches & Interlineations in ye 1st Eple of St. John, particularly abt yt Place relating to the Trinity.

Oct. 1, 1723. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Draft, Diaries, 98. 14. Original, Rawl. 34. 98). Received box and broken books. Will observe secret respecting sheets of Catalogue. 'But I am surpriz'd to find you soothing one that honest Men have reason to abhorr. Mentioning the *Parochial Antiquities*, you say, *O si sic omnia.* The Title had been enough without saying a Word more. Methinks, you should print the leaf over again, and leave out the Complement. However, whatever you do, I shall beg leave, upon occasion of your soothing Words (for wch, I suppose, you imagin the Book will bring more Money), to send you a Memorandum, viz. When the Author first began this Book, he proposed about four or five Sheets, and, under Pretence that it should be a small Book, he prevail'd with the University to print it. But when the University found that it swell'd to a great thing, they would go no farther. So that only one Vol. came out. . . . When it came out, it was a Drug, & sold for wast Paper, and was look'd upon as such by excellent Judges. One of the best Scholars and Judges of Books I ever knew (Dr. Aldrich, late Dean of Xt Church) threw it among his Offal Books, as wast Paper, and there I saw it unbound, lying upon the Floor, after his Death. It is one of the most unaccurate Things I have seen. . . . The Book was all transcrib'd . . . by Mr. James Gibson, Minister of Wooton Underwood, . . . who speaks with

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[1] Keep fairs, *ferientur.*

He hath a MS. of his own containing the IV Gospels, Latin, w^ch^ he supposes was K. Alfred's own Book, at y^e^ end of w^ch^ is Fulco's Letter ab^t^ Grymbald, &c.

From Mist's Journal of Sept. 28 last, Saturd.:—

The following Oaths are appointed and requir'd by a late Act of Parliament to be taken by all Persons, as well Men as Women, above the Age of Eighteen, who have any Real Estate or Interests in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (not having already taken the said Oaths since his Majesty's Accession to the Crown of this Realm), in one of the Courts at Westminster-Hall, or at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, or Place where such Persons shall inhabit or live, before the 25th Day of December next, or, in Default or Neglect thereof, to register their Names and Estates as Papists are oblig'd, &c., before the 25^th^ Day of March next.

I, A. B., *do sincerely promise and swear that I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King* George. So help me God.

I, A. B., *Do from my Heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Position that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of* Rome, *may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other Person whatsoever; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm.* So help me God.

I., A. B., *Do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare, in my Conscience before God and the World, that our Sovereign Lord King* George *is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging: And I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my Conscience that the Person pretended to be the Prince of* Wales, *during the Life of the late King* James, *and, since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of* England, *by the Name of* James *the Third, or of* Scotland, *by the Name of* James *the Eighth, or the Stile or Title of King of* Great-Britain, *hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King* George, *and him will defend, to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them: And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support, maintain, and defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said* James, *and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession, by an Act entituled, An Act for further Limitation of the Crown and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, is and stands limited to the Princess* Sophia, *Electress and Dutchess Dowager of* Hanover, *and the Heirs of her body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, Mental Evasion, or Secret Reservation whatsoever; and I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.* So help me God.

Oct. 3 (Th.). Notwithstanding the abominable Wickedness of the said Abjuration Oath, it is incredible w^t^ Numbers of all kinds run in to

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the greatest Indignation ag^t^ K[ennett], [and] says that he never rewarded him for his great Pains, that he set up for an Antiquary purely to get a little Money, & to carry a cause at Amersden. Indeed, this I know full well, that the best of all the Stock of his Antiquities is nothing but the Gleanings of D^r^. Hutton's Papers.' [This letter is addressed to Thomas Rawlinson in the draft, to Mrs. Amy Frewin in the original.]

swear, abundance pretending that as 'tis a forc'd Oath, they may do it, especially since the Imposers have no right to advance such an Oath, & they think, therefore, y^t^ all the Crime will fall upon them. But this reason will bring off any wickedness, and as the Writer of these Matters can by no means commend it, so the best of men abhor & abominate such Evasions, w^ch^ any profligate Wretch may pretend on any other Occasion.

Oct. 4 (Fri.). Among the MSS. in Balliol Coll. Library is one containing J. Walton Canon of Osney's Translation into English of *Boëthius de Consolatione Philosophiæ*, w^ch^ Translation I have mentioned in my Preface to Camden's *Elizabetha*.

An Epitaph in Banbury Church Yard, upon a young Man who dy'd by a Mortification w^ch^ seiz'd in his toe, his Toe and Leg [being] both cut off before he dy'd:—

> Ah! Cruel Death, to make 3 meals of one,
> To taste and eat, then eat 'till All was gon.
> But know, thou Tyrant, w^n^ th' Last Trump shall call,
> He'll find his Feet to stand, w^n^ thou shalt fall.

Oct. 5 (Sat.). On Thursday Morning last New Coll. great Bell rung out for M^r^. Scroggs Goad, B. Civil-Law, and Fellow of New Coll., who died at London, and was brought in an Herse to Oxford last Night. He took the Degree of Bach. of Law, May 5, 1694. He was well skill'd in his Profession, and bore a very good Character. He was buried in New-College Chappel last Night at Prayer time.

Oct. 6 (Sun.). The Lady Russel, Widow of the Lord William Russel, beheaded in Lincoln's Inn Fields, July 21, 1683, in the Reign of King Charles the Second, died on Sunday Morning, Sept. 29, 1723, at Southampton-House, Bloomsbury-Square, being 86 Years of Age.

Oct. 7 (Mon.). W^m^ Henry Gordesius, Minister of the Lutheran Church, and Librarian to the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt, was a Student not long agoe in the Bodlejan Library, and transcrib'd what MSS. he could meet with that contain'd any thing of Fryer Bacon's Works, with a design to publish this Fryer's Works together. B^p^ Fell had once an intent (as I have often heard D^r^. Mill say) of publishing them in ii Vols. in Folio, upon course Paper, as your Germans do, & with a little Letter, that they might be sold cheap.

Oct. 8 (Tu.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when D^r^. Rob^t^ Shippen, Principal of Brazennose Coll., laid down y^e^ Office of Vice-Chanc., w^ch^ he hath held five Years, and D^r^. John Mather, President of Corpus X^ti^ Coll., succeeded him.

Oct. 5, 1723. Sir P. Sydenham to H. (Rawl. 9. 160). Desires H. to send the Hatcher to Mr. Wilkin in St. Paul's Churchyard. Wishes him success in his labours for religion and learning.

Oct. 8, [1723]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 117). Sends preface to second volume of Holinshed. Knows nothing of Robert of Brunne, though there have been several of the name at Cambridge. Glad Robert of Gloucester

Oct. 9 (Wed.). Yesterday I read over a little Book I purchased very lately, intit., *A Supplication to our moste Souereigne Lorde kyng Henry the eight, King of England, of Fraunce, and of Ireland, and moste earnest defender of christes Gospell*, &c.; impr. MCCCCCXLIIII, *in the Month of Dec.* (36 of H. VIII). In w^ch^ book are many very shrewd things ag^t^ the Non-Residency of the Clergy, and the preferring illiterate men in the Church.

Oct. 10 (Th.). Whereas I have above (under Oct. 1) said several Things with respect to White Kennett's Parochial Antiquities, I should have noted y^t^ the Index to y^t^ Book was made & drawn up by his Brother, Basil Kennett, afterwards President of Corpus X^ti^-College, who was a much better scholar, & of a far better Temper, than White Kennett, commonly called Wether-cock Kennett.

Oct. 11 (Fri.). In y^e^ 1^st^ Ed. of Hollinshede's Chronicle, w^ch^ is the true, genuine Edition, are abundance of wooden Cuts, many of w^ch^ are very well done, and gave great Satisfaction when the Book first came out, as they are now also much esteem'd by curious Men, who wish they had been retain'd in y^e^ ii^d^ Edition, w^ch^ on that account is not so valuable as y^e^ first.

Oct. 12 (Sat.). This Week was an Election of Fellows at Merton-College, and, among others, was chosen M^r^. Rolleston, lately Gent. Com., now Bach. of Arts, of Oriel Coll., Nephew to my Friend, D^r^. Mead, the Great Physician, M^r^. Rolleston's Mother being the D^r^.'s own Sister. This Gentleman, before he came to Oxford, studied for some time at Leyden.

One M^r^. Edw^d^ Welchman, formerly Fellow of Merton Coll., who took his M.A.'s Degree, June 19, 1688, now Rector of a Church, hath just written and published a little thing, by way of Dialogue, about y^e^ Oaths, printed by Litchfield at Oxford, but w^th^out Welchman's Name. It is one of y^e^ most foolish, silly things that ever was penn'd, and sufficiently shews what this Welchman is, to whom D^r^. Felton (principal of Edm. Hall) was sometime Curate.

Out of Mist's Journal for Sat., Oct. 12, 1723:—

The Father of Spindelo, Servant to M^r^. Seabright, one of the English Gentlemen that were robb'd and murther'd near Calais, having lately gone over thither to see his Son, arriv'd here (at London[1]) last Week; he says the young Man is pretty well recover'd of his Wounds, and designs to imbark for London in a Fortnight, but doth not confirm the Account we have had in the Paris Letter, and afterwards in the Dutch Prints, that four of the Ruffians were apprehended at Dunkirk, or any where else; he says, indeed, that a Woman and a Boy have been taken up on Suspicion, on whom a Watch and some Linnen were found, that were supposed to belong to some of the aforesaid unhappy Gentlemen, and what hath been so often said, that the Son of the Woman that keeps the Silver-Lyon Inn at Calais was taken into Custody on that Account, is by him contradicted.

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goes on so successfully. 'Having got over the dark part of your Story, I hope the rest will be more easy.'

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

On Wednesday last died that eminent Counsellor, Sir Constantine Phipps, who was Council for Dr. Sacheverel, and Lord Chancellor of Ireland, in the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne.

The Lady Russel, Widow of ye Lord William Russel that was beheaded, was interr'd last Tuesday at Chiney in Buckinghamshire.

Oct. 13 (Sun.). The first Ed. of Hollinshede's Chron. came out in two Tomes, fol., at Lond., 1577, & are full of wooden Cuts, wch make the Book to be a wonderfull Curiosity, as it is also a very great Rarity, especially the iid Tome. Hollingshede died before the Year 1582; Mr. Wood says, Ath. Oxon., Vol. i, col. 270, towards the latter end of 1580. I have printed his will (wch was prov'd, Apr. 24, 1582) in the 1st Vol. of my Ed. of Camden's Eliz. After his death, in 1587 came out a iid Ed. of his Chronicle in ii Tomes also, but wthout ye wooden Cutts, & wth abundance of Additions by other hands, so yt the 1st Ed. is to be look'd upon and esteem'd as the true, genuine Ed. of this Work.

Oct. 14 (Mon.). It is very remarkable yt in Matt. Parker's Ed. of Tho. Walsingham's *Historia brevis ab Edwardo 1mo ad Henricum V, Lond.*, 1574, on the backside of ye Title Page, are the Effigies in Wood of Edw. 1, Edw. 2, Edw. 3, Richd 2, Henry 4, Henry 5, but then yt of Richd IId is made just as K. Stephen's us'd to be, with a half face & a great beard, whereas yt of Edwd 2 is very beautifull, being a full face, young, & wthout a beard, agreeable to ye Story of Richd IId, so yt there is certainly a Mistake of one for the other.

On Sat. last was presented to ye Degree of Bach. of Arts Mr. James West of Ball. Coll., first a Commoner and at length Gent. Comm. of yt Coll.

Mr. Guydhille, Scholar of Balliol College, is curious, and being now in Yorkshire, he hath written a well penned Letter to my Friend (the said Mr. West), in wch are some curious Passages about York minster, &c.

Mr. Henson, Bach. of Arts, hath just left yt Coll., being Barister at Law. Just as he left it, he gave Mr. West three or four curious Books relating to our Antiquities.

This Morning, at 11 Clock, the Bells rung for Mr. Clayton, Head Cook of All Souls, who died some time this Morning. He was abt threescore and seventeen years of age, being about three Years older than his brother, Andrew Clayton, of St. Clement's, by Oxford, Taylor, who died lately.

Yesterday, a little before 12 Clock, Sr Jemmat Raymond called upon me with Mr. Saml Parker, Mr. Lake, & a Son of Sr Jemmat's, wch Son, it seems, is to be entered of some place in Oxon.[1], as I was told to-day, tho' Sr Jemmat (who was of Edm. Hall himself, & in the same room yt I am in now) said nothing of it to me. This young Gentleman is his eldest Son by his 2d Lady, but he hath an elder Son by his first Lady, with whom I was in company some years agoe, when he call'd to see me.

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[1] He was soon after enter'd Gentleman-Commoner of Pembroke Coll., where he is now, July 15, 1726.

Oct. 15 (Tu.). Mr. Barret, a young Gentleman, a Franciscan Fryer, is Chaplain to my Friend, Mr. Robert Fyston, a Roman Catholick of East Hendred in Berks.

Oct. 16 (Wed.). In ye Year 1700 was printed at Lond., and published, an 8vo Book, in English, containing an Account of Travells through some Parts of England. The Author was Mr. James Brome, the same that set out Somner of the Roman Ports & Forts. 'Tis a very poor, slight Performance, and hath hardly any good Observations but from Camden. He pretends to have been at Fairford, & tells us yt the Windows, famous there, were all gone and destroy'd, wch is a down right falshood, they being there still.

Yesterday Mr. Burton, M.A. & Fellow of Corpus Xti College, told me yt they have in their Coll. Library a MS. containing a Catalogue of ye Books yt were in St. Frideswyde's Library, & promised to shew it me. I took the opportunity then, & desired him to step back (for I met him in the Street), wch accordingly he did, but when we came into ye Library, he could produce no such thing, but said he would do it another time.

This Morning, about five clock, died Mr. James Hart, aged near fourty years, Head Cook of Queen's Coll., Oxon., and the Bells went for him at 11 Clock the same Morning. He died of a violent Loosness, wch hath been a common distemper of late all over England. He kept in about a fortnight, but had it some time before he kept in it [*sic*]. Had he taken care of it in time, he might have withstood it in all probability. His Wife (a pritty Woman) hath been dead some time. He hath left behind him four pretty children, two boys & two Girls. He had two Brothers before him yt were head Cooks of Queen's Coll. His Mother is living, & he hath a Sister also living, both in Oxford.

There is just come out, in Qto, a Funeral Sermon upon Dr. Charles Trimnell, late Bp of Winchester (who succeeded Sr Johnathan Trelawny), by his Chaplain, Lewis Stephens, A.M. & late Student of Xt Ch. A greater Character cannot be given a Man than Stephens gives of this Bp, tho', among other Things, he reckons it as one of his great Excellencies yt he was so zealous for King George. Stephens aims at Preferment. Sure it is yt I never heard Trimnell famed among honest Men, either for his Learning or Probity.

Oct. 17 (Th.). Yesterday, at four Clock in the Afternoon, was buried in St. Marie's Church, Mr. Clayton, the Head Cook of All Souls Coll.

As for James Hart, the Head Cook of Queen's Coll. before mentioned, his late Wife was a Mortimer, and born at Abbington, & had several Sisters. Both she & the rest of them were always look'd upon as too loose, wch may, in some measure, appear with respect to her self from

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Oct. 18, 1723. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 98. 45). If he had Alexander Gill's Logonomia Linguæ Anglicanæ by him, would read it with pleasure, but does not know how to purchase or borrow it. The words T. T. transcribes are from Robert of Gloucester. Thanks for remarks on Robert of Brunne. He was probably the author of the Metrical History of Richard I. Stowe quotes him as a historian, but does not name the book he made use of. There may be some account of him in the Harleian Library. Progress of Robert of Gloucester.

her freedom with Mr. Villers of Xt Ch., now Minister of Chalgrove, who [. . .] is believ'd to be ye Father of two or three of her Children. There is one of the Sisters marryed to one Gardiner, born in Oxon., & was of Magd. Coll. They now live at Clifton, near Dorchester. He teaches School, but is a meer blockhead. He was supposed to be one of those yt some years agoe stole Magd. Coll. Plate.

Oct. 19 (Sat.). Last Night was buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxon., by his Wife, James Hart, ye Cook. He was 36 Years of Age.

In Hartfordshire is a Village called Hexton, which, tho' it be lowe, yet along by yt Parish passeth the Ikenild way, and I am of opinion that ye first Syllable of Hexton was derived from it. It is called in Domesday book Heyckstanestune, & in other Monuments Heckstanestune. But if it hath no relation to ye Roman way, perhaps the first syllable is the same with *hext*, wch signifies in our old English tongue *highest*, a term, it may be, proper enough for certain Stones fixt here yt were very high, at least of a bigger form than ordinary.

Last Tuesday Sir Constantine Phipps was interr'd at White-Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks. The said White-Waltham is the place of the Nativity of ye Writer of these Matters, and I remember, when I was a boy, Sir Constantine Phipps (then only Mr. Phipps) us'd to be at yt place for some time once a Year, at Captain Sawyer's, who was his Wife's Relation. And I, withall, remember that a young lad call'd Con. Phipps (being, I think, then Sir Constantine's eldest Son), dying of a Consumption at Captain Sawyer's, was buried in White-Waltham Church.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, died in Warwickshire, of the small Pox, after five days' Illness, the Honble Mr. Craven, Brother to the Rt Honble the Ld Craven, to the great Reluctance of all yt knew any thing of him, he being a noble Man of Magd. Coll., & one of the most beautifull youths that have been seen, & his other Qualities with respect to virtue & probity were agreeable. The female Sex were in love with him, & many of them us'd to say he was too handsome for a Man. He died in the 19th Year of his Age.

Oct. 20 (Sun.). This day Sennight Dr. John Waugh was consecrated Bp of Carlisle at Lambeth Chappell, in Room of Dr. Bradford, a most sad, dull, vile Wretch, who is translated to Rochester, upon the Deprivation of Dr. Francis Atterbury, & by virtue of that is also Dean of Westminster. The said Dr. John Waugh was formerly Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxon., &, when young, was Chum with Mr., afterwards Dr., John Hudson, & at length became Dean of Carlisle, & now Bp, he having been all along aiming at a Bpprick, & never mattered how he got it. He was look'd upon, when of Oxford & in other places, as a tolerable good Preacher, but hath no Reputation for Learning.

[Note on the word *read*, printed in the Glossary to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 698, omitted.]

Oct. 22 (Tu.). Sunday last being the Coronation of the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George, Mr. Streat of Merton College,

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Oct. 22, [1723]. **Mrs. Jane Hearne to H.** (Rawl. 28. 112). 'Dear and

who is the Senior Head Proctor of the University, and his Pro-Proctor, Mr. Briton, of ye same College, were with others at a Tavern in Oxford at an unseasonable Hour. The Vice-Chancellour walk'd that Evening, &, going into the Tavern, found them there, & dismiss'd them all forthwith, to the great Reluctance, to be sure, of Streat and his Friends.

It having been a dry Summer, the Work at Magdalen Bridge was so effectually carried on yt it was finished a little after Michaelmass last, & 'tis a glorious, noble thing, being near as broad again as before, but there is a defect at ye Entrance at ye East End, by reason it still continues there as narrow as it was before, because of ye Houses.

This Morning Dr. Gibson, Provost of Queen's Coll., call'd upon me, & told me his Brother Matthew was inform'd I had a Book of ye Writers of Abbey-Dore, & desired yt I would be so kind as to lend it him. I told him I had never heard of any such thing.

Oct. 23 (Wed.). Tho' Cosham, near Chippenham in Wilts., was so much resorted to by some of the Saxon Kings, & other great Men, where was a Palace for their Reception, as there was after ye Conquest a retiring-House for the Earls of Cornwall, to whom the Mannour belong'd (one of wch, viz. Edmund, obtained a Charter (Dugd. Bar., Tome i, p. 765) for a weekly Market to be held here every Friday, as his Father, Richard, a younger Son of King John, had granted ye inhabitants several privileges, which they still enjoy[1]), yet 'twas not a burying place for these great Men, not so much as for K. Ethelred, who was more than ordinarily delighted with this Place, and lay sick here in MXV, and died at London the Year after, on St. George's day (Chron. Sax. Gibs., p. 146, 148), & was buried (Milles's Cat. of Honour, p. 28) in St. Paul's Church, in ye North Isle beside the Quire. 'Tis true, indeed, there was a Stone Coffin, with humane Bones in it of a larger Size than usual, in the Skull whereof was a compleat Set of fine Teeth, found lately at yt Place, wch may perswade some, perhaps, to think this was a Place of Burial for several of our Princes and Nobility; but, as I take it, this was a Coffin of some private fine Gentleman since the Conquest, different from the great Persons I have been speaking of, & yet of a great Character for his virtues & the delicate Form of his Body.

Oct. 24 (Th.). On Friday last, being the 18th of this Month, died my Father, George Hearne, Parish Clark of White-Waltham (the Place

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Louing Son,—These are to aquaint you of ye melancholy news of your Dear Father's Death, who Departed this Life on Friday, ye 18th of this instant, at 10 att night, and was buryed yesterday uery Decently, and a pail Rung after ye funerall was ouer, acording to his own desire. Your Brothers W. and N. was heare, and your Sister Nan, who where assistants to me. Ye whole Charge is three Pounds four Shillings and two Pence. I would beg of you to Come ouer as Soon as you can, and Look ouer his Books and Papers, and send me word when, and I will Gett your Bro. and Ster to meet you hear. I Received Your Last Kindness, and Return you thanks.'

Oct. 22, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 46). Sends an account of 'Richarde cure du lyon' in the Harleian Library. [See Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lvii.]

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[1] Notes at ye Bottom of ye Page of Gibson's Engl. Ed. of Camden's Brit., p. 87.

of my Nativity), near Maidenhead in Berks., in the seventy-fifth Year of his Age, and the fifty-third of his Clarkship[1]. He died at ten Clock at Night, and was buried on Monday, the 21st of this Month, very decently (at my Expenses), in White-Waltham Church Yard, as he desired, & after the Funeral was over, a Peal was rung, as he also desired.

Oct. 25 (Fri.). Mr. John Murray, who is now in Oxford, told me last Night that he hath ye finest Caxton's Chronicle in MS. yt he believes is in England. I suppose he means ye Chronicle call'd Brute of England, wch was not Caxton's, tho' much like it, & does not bear Caxton's Name in ye MSS. yt I know. Yet Caxton took from it, & did not compile a book himself.

Oct. 26 (Sat.). Mr. Murray bought yesterday, at the Lodgings of University College, the Album yt I have formerly mentioned yt belong'd to Dr. Charlett, in wch there is the Writing of K. Charles I, and of several other great Persons. He also bought at ye same time a folio MS., in wch are many things, among others, Sr Xtopher Wren's Account of Salisbury Cathedral, some things abt Oxford, with Anthony Wood's Writing, and an original Letter of Q. Eliz., in Latin, to ye K. of Denmark.

Oct. 27 (Sun.). Very lately died Dr. Adam Otley, Bp of St. David's, one of ye very best of ye set of our Bps, most of wch are very mean at present. He was a good Scholar and Antiquary, & well vers'd in Saxon, for wch reason he is celebrated by Dr. Hickes in his *Thesaurus linguarum Sept.* Nor did he want for Probity, & I know nothing culpable in him but his Complyance, a thing wch, however, many otherwise very excellent men do besides.

Oct. 28 (Mon.). In ye Passage of Robert of Gloucester about a great Conflict at Oxford between the Scholars and Townsmen, in the Year 1263, 48 H. III, is mention of Harewell.

[Note about wells in Oxford, printed in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. xlv, omitted.]

Oct. 29 (Tu.). Mr. Peirce, who was lately V. Principal of Edm. Hall, told me last Night that Dr. Kennett, Bp of Peterborough, hath made prodigious MSS. Additions to Gunton's History of Peterborough, so yt the Book is three times larger than it was, but yt he will not print them, but communicates them & many other Things to John

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Oct. 26, 1723. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 141). Received H.'s of the 27th ult., with Dr. Leigh's Natural History of Cheshire. Spent two or three afternoons before coming to an agreement about the MSS. and books. Mentions the prices he gave for them. Wants two Almanacs of the better sort, when they come out.

Oct. 29, 1723. H. to Mrs. Jane Hearne (Rough draft, Rawl. 28. 113). 'I thank you for the trouble you have been at abt my F[ather], & for your taking care to have him decently interr'd, as I desired. I have sent five Guineas, viz. 3 libs. 4s. 2d. to defray the Funeral Expences, & the remaining 2 libs. 10d. for

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[1] See Vol. 86, p. 10.

Bridges, Esq., who is writing the History and Antiquities of Northamptonshire.

An Epitaph in the Church of Upton . . ., near Exeter.

Abeo, sed nescio quo redeam, sed
nescio quando fortasse dies iste
supremus erit : Ortus cuncta suos
repetunt,
Et redit in nihilum quod fuit
ante nihil.
Orate pro anima Larder.

[Note on the verse of *Robert of Gloucester*, printed in the Preface to that book, p. l, omitted.]

Nov. 2 (Sat.). On Thursday last (Oct. 31) Mr. Creed, Vice-Principal of Edmund Hall, was presented in the Convocation House to ye Degree of Master of Arts. This Gentleman is a Londoner born.

Nov. 3 (Sun.). Mr. Robt Cock, late Student & Schoolmaster of Xt Church, Oxon., & afterwards Vicar of Chippenham in Wilts., lives now at Chippenham, but being a conscientious, honest Man, he lost his Vicaridge at ye Beginning of ye Duke of Brunswick's Reign, upon account of ye wicked Oaths, & 'tis now enjoy'd by Mr. Gilbert Lake, Bach. of Div. The said Mr. Cock lives in good reputation, is much respected at Chippenham, & teaches about a douzen Children for a Support. He is perfectly ignorant of ye World & Worldly Concerns.

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your self only. I beg yt you would be pleas'd to give, with my love, 5s. of it to my sister, Anne Hearne. I was not at all surpriz'd at his Death. It was what I had exspected a good while. He knew ye Miseries of this world, & we ought to thank our most gracious God yt he hath been pleased to remove him from them. Pray take care of his Books & Papers. I intend to come over, but before I do it, let me know where 'tis my sister Anne lives, and when she can most conveniently be with you. You may keep my design of coming as a Secret. For as I do not, when I come, intend to make any Visits, so I do not use to let People know whither 'tis yt I go. My stay with you must be very short.' [PS.] 'Tell my Broth. Wm, when you see him, yt Sunday was Sennight, in ye Forenoon, a Man call'd upon me with six Pence token from him, & yt he said he should be two or three days in Town, & would drink it one Evening. I exspected him Monday & Tuesday, but it seems he did not call till Wednesday Night, when I was somewhere in Oxon. with a Friend yt came from London on purpose to see me, so yt he went away without spending ye six Pence.'

Oct. 30, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 98. 71. Original, Rawl. 112. 150). Thanks for good company lately. Mr. West called on Saturday, but did not mention Leland. Account of difficulty in purchasing Dr. Charlett's books. 'You will easily guess yt I resent this very ill usage, especially since my aim at procuring MSS. & other Antiquities is to convert them to ye use of ye publick, the Interest of wch I have propos'd in all my Undertakings.' [PS.] Would gladly have a copy of the original letter of Queen Elizabeth.

Nov. 1, 1723. H. to D. Casley (Diaries, 98. 78). Thanks for reply concerning the passage he inquired about. Will keep D. C.'s name a secret. Has a leaf been cut out of the MS. of Robert of Gloucester, or otherwise lost?

Nov. 2, 1723. D. Casley to H. (Rawl. 4. 37). Believes there is something wanting at the end of the Cotton copy of Robert of Gloucester, but does not know how much.

Last Night, at seven Clock, died Mrs. Paynter, a Widow Gentlewoman of St. Peter's Parish in ye East, Oxford, a Woman of fourscore and nine Years of Age, leaving a Daughter unmarried, Mrs. Catharine Paynter, who is her only Child living.

Nov. 4 (Mon.). There being this Year three Fellowships vacant at All Souls College, yesterday they fill'd them up by Election, and one of the Persons elected is Mr. Powney, a Civilian of Queen's Coll., who never stood before. He is a good natur'd young Man, and had a Brother a Gentleman Com. lately of Queen's Coll., who is married, and now lives at Maidenhead, where he hath an Estate, in Berks.

Nov. 5 (Tu.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at four Clock, was buried in St. Peter's in the East Church Yard old Mrs. Paynter.

This being the Powder Plot, wch is to be observ'd as a Thanksgiving, & the Prince of Orange's Landing being joyn'd with it, tho' yt happened the day before, abundance of People seem'd very indifferent in the observance of it. Nor were there in ye Evening so many Bonfires as us'd to be, many People beginning to disbelieve this Plot from the Sham Plots yt have been since, & looking upon ye Prince of Orange's Coming as an Invasion, & a monstrous Injury (as it hath prov'd) to the Nation.

Nov. 6 (Wed.). Mr. Edm. Pearce hath told me lately that there is a Copy of the 1st Ed. of Holingshede's Chron., in ii Tomes, in Mr. Justice Denton's Study att Hillesdon in Bucks.

There is just come out, in Folio, Sr Constantine Phipps's Defence of Dr. Atterbury, Bp of Rochester, & 'tis said to be partly printed in his (Sir Constantine's) Life time.

Nov. 7 (Th.). Field's Bibles have been always look'd upon as very correct, I mean those printed at Cambridge; but then they were counterfeited both at London and beyond Sea. Which Counterfeits may easily be discovered by ye Letter (not so beautifull as yt of Cambridge) & the Correctness.

Nov. 8 (Fri.). The Abbey Church of Reading, tho' built by K. Hen. I, yet it was not consecrated 'till the Reign of K. Hen. II, by St. Thomas, Archbp of Cant., as appears from Robt of Gloucester's Chronicle, pag. 469.

Nov. 9 (Sat.). Yesterday being the Visitation of the Bodlejan Library, the Speech was spoke by Mr. Matthew Lee (commonly call'd, from his Study of Physick, Dr. Lee), Student of Xt Church.

This day old Mr. Nic. Cox, the Bookseller, shew'd me an old Engl. Bible, in a large Qto, printed A.D. 1584, yt he had got new bound for a poor Woman that lives at Thame.

Nov. 10 (Sun.). Mr. Murray, when he was in Oxford lately, bid twelve Pounds for Dr. Charlett's Cabinet with ye Coyns & Medals in it (wch, indeed, is a very mean stock), but Mr. Rawlins, an Atturney, who sells the things, ask'd & insisted upon 20 libs., & said yt six hundred Pounds had been bid for ye Dr.'s Books.

Nov. 12 (Tu.). The Book call'd Festivall, printed by Winken de Worde, wch is very scarce, makes Whitsontide to be call'd so from the Wit and Wisdome sent down yt day by the holy Ghost upon the Apostles, and, indeed, the old way of writing the word agrees to this derivation.

[Remarks on Robert of Brunne, much the same as in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. lx, omitted.]

Nov. 14 (Th.). This day, at 1 Clock, rung out St. Marie's great Bell for Mr. Bernard, M.A. and Fellow of Oriel College, who died this Morning of the small Pox, and hath left a very good Character behind him, being a good Scholar, and a very good natured young Gentleman[1]. This day, about 2 Clock in the Afternoon, I met Mr. Rawlins, & ask'd him why I could not have my Books I had bought out of Dr. Charlett's Study. He said I might have all, even the Runick Book as well as ye Rest, & yt the Runick Book was half a Piece, & ye rest ten shillings. In short, he said I should have all for a Guinea. It was just at ye Schools, under ye Dyal, that I met him. Mr. Whiteside was with me, but went on, & did not stay to hear us. I told him I would give a Guinea, provided I might have all I had laid by. This he consented to, and I went with him immediately to the Lodgings, with an Intent to take them, & to pay a Guinea for them. But when I came to look upon them, tho' he produc'd the Runick Book, yet I found an oblong Book of prints of the History of ye Bible, & one Copy of Mr. Dodwell's Vindication of ye Deprived Bps, wth Mr. Dodwell's Name written to it (for there were two Copies yt I had laid by), gone from the Parcel. I ask'd for them both. He produc'd ye Cutts, wch he said he acknowledg'd yt I had laid by, but added yt they were not priz'd by Mr. Clements (who had priz'd the Parcel at 10s. among the rest), & yt he saw no reason why I should have two Copies of ye deprived Bps. I told him I had bought all, & yt all I insisted upon, & yt 'twas very ill treatmt for him to detain them, & so I left him, without having my Books.

Just after I had writ this, Mr. Rawlins call'd upon me, & told me both the P[r]ints & the other Copy of Mr. Dodwell's Vind. were there, & yt I might have them, if I would pay half a Crown more for ye P[r]ints, wch I declin'd. So he came to Terms for a Guinea, & I fetch'd my Books.

Nov. 11, 1723. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 98. 87). 'As soon as I receiv'd your Letter last Night, I thought upon Joannes Castoreus, or John Bever, a MS. of whose Chronicle is in the Cotton Library, . . . & there is another (I think) in the Harleyan Library. . . . I believe he may be very well worth publishing. . . . At the same time I also thought of John Taxster . . . his Chronicle, wch is also in the Cotton Library. . . . But if it should not be thought proper for me to print either of the sd Books, perhaps Thomas Otterburn's Chronicle in the Cotton Library . . . may be judg'd fit. I speak of these 3 at present, & write forthwith to you, that no time may be lost for furnishing me with wt must be my next Work. The Continuation of Robt of Glouc., that you so generously got transcrib'd for me, is now printing.'

Nov. 14, 1723. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 137). Has sent Dr. Mead's copy of Athenæ Britannicæ with Mr. Holmes' transcript of Queen Elizabeth's letter. Sorry H. is disappointed of the books at University College. Hopes

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[1] He was buried in St. Marie's Church the Night following.

When I came to the Lodgings, he desired I would sell him one Copy of the Vindication again. Upon w^ch^, tho' I had duplicates of the Defence of y^e^ Vindication, yet I gave him one of y^e^ Copies of y^e^ Vindication, for w^ch^ he thank'd me, & begg'd Pardon for using me as he had done. I still find two Things in MS., being of Abendana the Jew's, wanting, tho' I look upon them as Trifles, & so do not insist upon them.

Nov. 15 (Fri.). M^r^. Whiteside said last Night that he values his Glasses & other Mathematical Instruments, w^ch^ he keeps at the Ashm. Muséum, at four hundred Pounds.

Nov. 17 (Sun.). This Morning died the Widow Hall, a Woman of a good Character, who had been married twice, & her second husband, M^r^. Hall, was Butler of Merton Coll. She hath left five Children, 2 by her first husband, & 3 by her second. She was about 55 Years old.

Some Years agoe lived at Shottesbrooke in Berks. one M^r^. Pownell, a decayed Gent. & an old Man, & he dyed & is buried at Shottesbrooke. He was once Register of Bristoll, but was outed by some Trick, as he was of a good Estate, particularly the Hill House & Lands adjacent in White Waltham Parish, by Shottesbrooke. This M^r^. Pownell was an ingenious Man, & dyed a Nonjuror. He was so like M^r^. Dodwell y^t^ when M^r^. Dodwell came first to Shottesbrooke, they were often taken one for y^e^ other. He was also, like M^r^. Dodwell, a great Walker, & once when he walk'd w^th^ a Friend of mine from Shottesbrooke to London, he talk'd all the way, & was sometimes so eager in his Discourse that he would fall down inadvertently.

Nov. 18 (Mon.). Out of Mist's Journal for Saturday, November 2, 1723:—

Last Sunday Night (Oct. 27) died Sir Godfrey Kneller, Knight, at his House in Queen's Square. He was principal Painter to his Majesty, to which Place a Salary of two hundred Pounds a Year is annex'd.

Mr. West will succeed in getting him the letters. Thanks for favours shown to J. M. at Oxford.

Nov. 16, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 98. 96^a^. Original, Rawl. 112. 152). 'At last, after a great deal of Shuffling, & even down right Knavery, the Things I bought at Univ. Coll., when you were here on Friday, Oct. 25, were delivered to me on Thursd. last, Nov. 14, tho' after all I miss still of them at least three, w^ch^, tho' but Trifles, as it were, yet the less the value of them is, so much greater an Argument is it of y^e^ deceit of those concern'd in detaining these, as well as those y^t^ I have already. As to the MSS. Papers, I have at present but little Prospect of getting them. I have been told three Stories. First, it seems M^r^. Rawlins said y^t^ if he did part with them, he exspected a very handsome Gratuity for them. Secondly, some time after, he said he would not part with them at all, but would keep them for his own Reading. And now, in the third place, he says he cannot do anything about them 'till the Return of M^r^. Taylour, one of y^e^ Fellows of y^e^ Coll., out of Worcestershire, who must look over every Paper.' Wants the 7th vol. of Leland's Itinerary for the Bishop of Man: has J. M. one to part with? Of what metal are the images of Isis and Osiris made? [PS.] Since writing, has received J. M.'s letter of the 14th instant, with Athenæ Brit. and Mr. Holmes' transcript of Queen Elizabeth's letter. 'If they should think here that any Papers are design'd to be got for me, I am fully perswaded 'twill be y^e^ direct way of my loosing them.'

The Translation of Dr. Hoadley (Bp of Hereford[1]) into ye See of Salisbury was on Tuesday last confirm'd at Bow Church in the usual manner; as was also the Election of Dr. Leng into the See of Norwich, whose Consecration, that was to have been at Lambeth-Chappel on Sunday last, is put off 'till Sunday next; and the Reverend Mr. Gordon is to preach the Consecration-Sermon.

On Tuesday last Sir Henry Atkins, of Little Ormond-Street, Bart, was married at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, to the second (it should be the 3d[1]) Daughter of Sir John Stonehouse, Bart, Representative in Parliament for ye County of Berks., the Ceremony being perform'd by the Reverend Dr. Henry Sacheverel.

(The said Sir Henry Atkins hath just left Magd. Coll., Oxon., where he was Nobleman. He is a young Gent. not overstock'd with sense, of about 17 Years of Age, & his Lady a very pretty Creature abt 15.)

On Wednesday last died Sir James Montague, Kt, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The following Account of ye Murther of the English Gentlemen near Calais is written by Richard Spindelow, Servant to Mr. Seabright, who is recover'd of his Wounds, and arriv'd here (at London[1]); and as it appears to be the best and truest Narrative of that horrid Affair that hath yet been given, we think it proper to insert it in this Paper, viz.

Sir,

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, about Three in the Afternoon, we set out from Calais for Bologne, in our way to Paris: My Master Sebright (the best of Masters) and Mr. Davies being in one Chaise, and Mr. Monpesson and my self in another, and his own Servant on Horseback. About three Quarters of a Mile beyond the second Post, being near seven Miles from Calais, we were set upon by six Highwaymen, who, having stopp'd the Postillions, came up to the Chaises, and demanded our Money, and the same was readily surrender'd to them; for we had no Fire-Arms with us to make Resistance, and even the Gentlemen's Swords were taken from them. Then taking us out of our Chaises, we were all commanded to lie down upon our Faces, as were the Postillions too; which was presently obey'd. Upon which, one of the Rogues came and rifled our Pockets, and narrowly search'd the Wasts and Linings of our Breeches. This being done, I was order'd to get up and open the Portmanteaus; and as I was going to do it, I saw one of them pull the dead Body of Mr. Locke out of the Chaise, in which he had been kill'd, in his Return from Paris, at some small Distance from us. This was a sad Presage of what was like to follow. Mr. Locke's Servant, who was a Swiss, was spar'd, but made to lie on his Face at the Place where they met him. In rifling Mr. Sebright's Portmanteau, they found some Things wrapped up, which they suspected I endeavour'd to conceal, which made them cut me with a Sword very dangerously in the Head. When they had done with my Master's Portmanteau, they order'd Mr. Monpesson to open his, and desir'd Mr. Seabright to tell them in French that his Servant was gone before, and had the key with him. This Servant they had met not far off, and had shot him in the Back; but he, not being dead, was order'd to lie down on his Face; and now they fetch'd him to open his Master's Portmanteau.

When they had finish'd their Search of the Portmanteaus and Cloak-Bags, shaking every Piece of Linnen for fear of missing any Money, then the barbarous Ruffians gave the Word to *Kill*; whereupon one stabb'd me in five Places in the Body, and left me for dead; and with the same Sword he struck at Mr. Davies several Times, & cleft his Skull. Who was butcher'd next, or

[1] [The parentheses are Hearne's.]

what immediately follow'd, I cannot tell, being stunn'd by one of the Villains, who came up to me and stamp'd three Times upon my Head, as I was lying upon my Face. As soon as I came a little to my self, I perceiv'd by his Groans that they were murdering Mr. Monpesson, whose Throat they cut, and otherwise wounded him; but he surviv'd his Wounds for some time.

About that time a Peasant, that was accidentally passing by, was brought in amongst us, and made to lie with his Face to the Ground, who, perceiving what sort of Work they were upon, got up, and attempted to run away, but they rode after him, and shot him dead. After this, they visited me once more, and having turn'd me about to see if I had any Life remaining, but observing none, they left me there, weltering in my Blood. The bloody Scene being then ended, they pack'd up their Booty, carrying away two Cloak-Bags fill'd with the best of the Things, and having a Horse that was small and poor, they shot him themselves, and took away a better out of the Chaises in his Room.

About a Quarter of an Hour after they were gone, we heard the Peasants talking over the dead Bodies, and Mr. Monpesson and myself lifting up our Heads as well as we could, perceiv'd they were carrying away what Things were left; we desir'd them to help us into the Chaise, but they refus'd to do it; so, with much Difficulty, Mr. Monpesson got himself in, and I crawl'd up to it, and got my Body in, while my Legs hung out, and in that Posture we were carry'd to a little House three quarters of a Mile from the Place, and one of the Peasants was so kind as to lead the Chaise; the People of the House brought some Straw, and laid us upon it, and there we lay in great Misery that Night. Mr. Monpesson took Notice in the Night that he thought the Rogues were but indifferently paid for the Drudgery of butchering so many (five Persons being then murthered, and himself, who died soon after, made the sixth), 'for,' saith he, 'besides Watches, Rings, Linnen, &c., they had but 120 Guineas amongst us all, and the Payment of the Bills will be stopt at Paris.'

Mr. Seabright had chang'd at Calais about 25 Guineas into Silver (not 300, as was given out), to bear our Expences upon the Road. And whereas it was reported that he said to the Ruffians he knew one of them, which Expression is suppos'd by some to have occasion'd the sad Catastrophe, which it might have done, had it been true, but the said Report is absolutely false and groundless, and highly injurious to the Memory of that worthy, tho' unfortunate, Gentleman. The Murther was doubtless preconcerted among them, and resolved upon; and they tell us in that Country that, some Time before, a certain Company had drank at a House upon the Road an uncommon Quantity of Brandy, who are supposed to be this wicked Gang, in order to work themselves up to a sufficient Rage for the committing of so much Barbarity.

Next Morning we were carried from our little Cottage upon the Road back to Calais, where several of the most able Surgeons of the Place were sent for to take Care of us and dress our Wounds. They sow'd up Mr. Monpesson's Throat, and, finding he had a Fever, bled him, but he died a few Hours after.

Another Report was spread here, and transmitted to France, which, in Justice to Truth and the injured Person, I think my self obliged to contradict, viz. That the Woman's Son at the Silver Lyon Inn at Calais was taken up on Suspicion of having a Hand in that horrid Action, upon which Account they have since been great sufferers at that House; but the said Report is as false as any thing can be true; on the contrary, these People bear the best of Characters.

I have here given you the Substance of the Report I made more at large to the President at Calais, which he told me he would have printed and sent to England, when I waited on him some Days before I left that Place, to thank him for the great Care he had taken in this unhappy Affair, and at the same Time described to him the Features of two of the Rogues who had some

Things remarkable in their Faces. What Account the Postilliolns [*sic*] gave of the Matter, I know not, but 'tis said to be little and next to none.

A Person was some Time since taken up at Lisle, and said to be the old Man that was among them, for such there was in the Gang, but upon his Trial he did not appear to be the same; however, he was broken upon the Wheel for a Robbery committed by him four Years ago.

We hear of another Person taken up near Bologne, who is in Goal there, on Account of some Words that he spoke, as 'tis said, in a drunken Frolick, so that 'tis much doubted that he was a Person concern'd, tho' he hath got a Stone Doublet by the Bargain. But it is hoped that the Perpetrators of so much Wickedness will be apprehended, and in that Case I expect to be sent for to France; & if so, you will hear further from

Your humble Servant,
RICHARD SPINDELOW.

Nov. 19 (Tu.). In S^t^. Peter's Parish in y^e^ East, Oxon., lives one M^r^. Bremingham, y^t^ sells Apples & some other small things, & is a brisk, lively old Man, whom I met with his basket yesterday in High Street, when he told me, upon my asking him ab^t^ his Age, that next Valentine's day he is ninety Years of Age, & y^t^ his Wife is much about y^e^ same Age. He hath two Sons, y^t^ have good business at Cambridge, & live well; one is an Inn Keeper, the other a Furrier.

I was told to-day by M^r^. Thomas Mynne, an ingenious Joyner of S^t^. Peter's Parish in y^e^ East, Oxon., that Crowe Well, w^ch^ really divides Holywell & S^t^. Peter's (& is almost opposite to the Cross in Magdalen Grove Wall), & over w^ch^ Well he, the said M^r^. Mynne, hath lately built a Coach-House & Stable, tho' it (the Well) be stopt up, was of very great Note 'till the late Siege of Oxford, when it was stopt up, and afterwards, viz. soon after y^e^ Siege, the Stones of it were carried by M^r^. Cowdrey, the Shoemaker (as M^r^. Mynne hath often heard his Father, who was also a Joyner, say), to the Well that is on y^e^ East Side of Holy-well Church, now call'd Newton's well, from the Person y^t^ lives in it. I told him y^t^ this Well, call'd Crow Well, had been stop'd up long before y^e^ Wars, w^ch^ he could not deny; but then I told him it was afterwards open'd again, w^ch^ he also yielded, & added that there were these Verses over the Cover of it:—

Let no man this Well despise;
It does no harm, but helps the Eyes.

Nov. 20 (Wed.). On Sunday last preached at S^t^. Marie's Ch. in Oxford, before y^e^ Univ., one M^r^. Wynne of Jesus College. The Sermon was a very strange one, reflecting upon y^e^ B^p^ of Rochester, the Pretender (as they style K. J.), & many besides, & all was delivered, for the most part, memoriter, & with a very odd Air of Confidence & Assurance.

Nov. 19, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 47). Has not yet met with any Annals, Chronicle, or History of Robert of Brunne, MS. or printed, in the Harleian Library. Remarks on this writer. Ld. Harley has ordered Gill's Logonomia to be sent for H.'s perusal. 'You hear, to be sure, That *D^r^. Stukeley* & some other Coadjutors are going to give us a New Acc^t^ of Stone-henge. *Crownfield* of Cambridge tells me That *Bentley* has some time since given him orders to restore y^e^ Subscription for his *Greek Testament* to anybody y^t^ shall demand it.'

The whole was very mean & pitifull, & is not applauded by any, not those of his own Kidney. Yet the Church was very full, being beforehand appriz'd that they should hear something very odd & impudent from this Blockhead, who aims at Preferm^t, & thinks such stuff will merit it.

Nov. 21 (Th.). Yesterday being an extraordinary fine day, & frosty, M^r. West of Balliol Coll. & I walk'd to Horsepath, but we could not see the Figures of y^e Bagpipe Player & his Wife that M^r. Spenser of y^t Town, who is a Man of great Note for putting out Money & conveying Estates, told me was without side of y^e Church; so y^t I suppose they have been destroy'd, or, it may be, he means two heads upon the Tower, out of w^ch leaden Pipes come for conveying off the Water.

I was told yesterday, by a Gentleman, that M^rs. Anne Brickenden (Daughter of the late D^r. Brickenden, Master of Pembroke College), who is about eighteen Years of Age, & lives at present with her Mother at Iffley, for fear of the small Pox, w^ch is at this time very much & very fatal in Oxford, is the prettiest Woman, in all respect[s], that ever he saw in his Life. She was courted, it seems, lately by Sir Edward Obryan, a young noble Man (a Baron^t) of Balliol Coll., but he was at last disswaded from marrying her, because of y^e Narrowness of her Fortune.

Nov. 23 (Sat.). Two or 3 days since, I read over K. Ch. II^d's Declaration, pr. 1650, 4^o, in w^ch he signifyes y^t he had taken the Solemn League & Covenant, & was for having his Subjects do y^e same.

Nov. 25 (Mon.). About this day Sennight was buried, at Waterperry, I think, M^rs. Curson, Wife of M^r. Curson, Son of Sir John Curson of Waterperry. She died of a Feaver, was a brisk, chearfull, comely, jolly Woman, & very good natur'd.

I read lately over *Hieronymi Osorij Epistola ad Elizabetham, Angliæ Reginam,* printed in 4^to, w^ch, as 'tis long, so 'tis well & elegantly written, & displays the wickedness of Luther & his Followers, & the absurdity of a pretended Reformation, tho' I think the Queen had no regard to this

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Nov. 22, 1723. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 98, 117). Received letters of Oct. 22 and Nov. 19. Thanks for specimen of book about Richard I: would rather have had a few verses from the body of it. Remarks on Robert of Brunne. Is there a MS. of Robert Moille or a copy of Bale's De Scriptoribus in the Harleian Library? If so, is Robert of Gloucester, Robert of Brunne, or Robert Moille mentioned in them? 'I do not know D^r. Stukeley, but I hear his Character is y^t he gives things not as they either are, or ever were, but according to his own fancy. I am by no means sorry y^t the illnatur'd Critick's design upon the N. T. is like to drop.' Much obliged to Ld. Harley.

Nov. 24, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 98. 119). The text of Robert of Gloucester being almost finished, must decide on his next work. Understands J. B. thinks it should be Robert of Brunne. Is willing to undertake it, and wants the MS. sent in good time.

Nov. 24, 1723. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 98. 120). Is willing to undertake Robert of Brunne, and has just written to Mr. Bridges about it. 'As to the piece of Myles Davies, I value it as it was the Gift of so great a Friend as you are.'

Letter, tho' otherwise an admirer (as himself insinuates) of Osorius's Writings.

Nov. 26 (Tu.). In the Auction Catalogue of the famous Mr. Richd Smith's Books, among the MSS., num. 19, p. 366, is mention'd this Book, *An Inventory, or Catalogue, of great rarities and riches of the Closet of some Queen (supposed to be of Q. Mary)*, viz. *Flowers, Crosses, and Jhesus, Brouches, Tablets, and Pendants, Clocks and Watches, Books, Chains of Gold, Bracelets, Caskanets, and Laces, Beads of Gold, Habilliment, Girdles, Furrs, Buttons, Knives, Bodkins, Fanns, with many others: all set with great Rubies, Diamonds, or other rich Jewells.*—

[Note on Thomas Britton, printed in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, § xx, omitted.]

Nov. 27 (Wed.). This Afternoon the bells rung for Mrs. Smith, of St. Aldate's Parish, Oxon., who died in Childbed. She was about 32 or 33 Years of Age, was born at Stanton Harcourt, & married Mr. Smith, Son & only child living of ye late Mr. Smith, the University of Oxon. Carpenter. He was first a Chandler, but having a good Estate, he gave over yt Trade, & took to Maulting, wch he now follows. His Wive's Maiden Name was Clanvill, & she has a Brother living in St. Aldate's parsh, a Baker.

Nov. 28 (Th.). Tho' sometime agoe there was a statutable Election, by a Majority of Votes of five Fellows, at Oriel College, yet the Provost, Dr. Carter, would not admitt them, & claiming a Negative, a thing never heard of before, applies to ye Visitor, then Dr. Gibson, but since (Gibson being translated to London) one Dr. Reynolds, a Cambridge Man, who does not understand Latin, & this Reynolds sent down his Mandamus to admitt three of his own Nomination, & two more kept in reserve for another time. Accordingly, his Mandamus was read in Chappel on Tuesday Morning, the 19th of this Month, but protested against by the former Electors, the Protest being read by Mr. Dyer, after wch the Protesters all went out, & so none remain'd in Chappel but the Provost & his vile assistant, Bowles. The Provost call'd to one of the Protesters to bring in the Batchelors, but, they having Protested, every one declin'd. Upon wch Bowles said he would fetch them in, & thereupon went out of ye Chappel, leaving the Provost by himself, &, bringing them in, they were admitted by only these two, the Provost & Bowles, & the legally elected Men were ejected. The three Intruders are one Lane of Merton Coll., one Copping of Oriel, & one Dewy (who never stood, nor never was examined) of Oriel. After this was over, Bowles, like a poor, sorry Rascal as he is, made great Rejoycings, & took ye three Intruders into the Common Room at Night, where, however, no body else was with them, a thing against Custom & Practise for Batchelor Fellows to come there, by wch & other proceedings he hath now (as, indeed, he had sufficiently before) lost himself quite & clean, & as he is known to be an illiterate man, so now he hath the Character among all sorts of People

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Nov. 28, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 119). [Printed in the Preface to Hearne's ed. of Peter Langtoft's *Chronicle*, p. ci.]

(for even the Whiggs despise him, notwithstanding his being a tool for them) as a downright impudent Rogue.

Nov. 29 (Fri.). One James Bracy, a Quaker, is very lately (since Michaelmass last) remov'd from Hedington (near Oxford), where he hath lived about 35 Years, to the Place of his Nativity in Warwickshire, Long Compton, as I am told. This Man, who is about 3 score & ten Years of Age, was often, indeed generally, called Doctor at & about Heddington, from his dabling in Physick, in wch he is said to have done considerable Cures. It is certain he was an excellent letter of Bloud, nay, I have heard some say yt they did not think there was a better Blouder in England. Madam Whorwood of Holton, having occasion once to be blouded, & being very unwilling to have any one she had before try'd, this James Bracy was sent for, by the approbation & consent of her husband. When James came, the Lady did not care to submit to the Operation from such a clownish, fat, lubberly fellow, but at last, by perswasion, she did, & James did it with so much ease, & so much to her satisfaction, yt she would never have any one else after to bloud her, & 'tis thought that even now (when she shall have occasion) she will send for him from Long Compton, rather than be blouded by any one else[1].

Nov. 30 (Sat.). On Thursday Morning last died suddenly, of an Apoplexy (as he was sitting in his Chair), Mr. Rymes, Bach. of Law, & Rector of Stanton-St.-John's, near Oxford, wch he hath had 3 or 4 years, being before Fellow of New College. He took his Degree of Bach. of Civil Law when I was Beadle, & perhaps might be about 33 or 34 years of Age. His Father is still living, & is very rich, tho' this Rymes died much in debt. His Father was very angry wth him a good while, because of his marrying an Oxford Girl, one Mrs. Peirce, whose Brother is now a Barber in the Corn Market in Oxford, & by her Rymes hath left four Children behind him. Mr. Rymes became acquainted with her soon after his coming to Oxford, & was married to, and had Children by, her several Years before he left the College, but ye College conniv'd at it. She is a great houshold body, & mighty proud. Mr. Rymes's Father was reconcil'd to him some time agoe.

Last Night I heard that there is a Prohibition from the Court of Common Pleas agt the proceedings of ye Visitor of Oriel Coll. & his Agents.

Dec. 1, 1723. H. to J. Bridges (Diaries, 98. 131). Delivered letter to Mr. Wilmot, and at the same time received Robert of Brunne. Will be as expeditious as possible with it. 'As for publishing any thing from the Place here mentioned by Mr. Anstis, . . . I do not doubt but I should meet with obstructions, & therefore I do not think of it.' Remarks on Robert of Brunne. 'Pray, Sir, may I have liberty of saying that this MS. is published by me from an old MS. in the Inner Temple Library?'

Dec. 1, [1723]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 89). Would be glad of an account of Aldworth Church, co. Berks. [See Diary, Dec. 12.] Not hearing from Dr. Tanner, presumes he knows nothing of the author H. inquires

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[1] He died in Summer time, 1724.

Dec. 2 (Mon.). On Saturday last was buried in S^t^. Nicholas's Church at Abbington one M^r^. Pope, a young Attorney of that Town, who lived within the Precincts of the Abbey, & hath left the Character behind him of a good natured young Man, on w^ch^ account he was well beloved. He was married to a pretty Woman, by whom he had one Child, & they are both living. He died of a hot, burning Feaver, occasioned by drinking Punch. Being one day at Hanney, and agreeing to drink Punch, some was made, but there being no Lemons in that Place, he had vinegar put into it instead of brandy, w^ch^ threw him into a Feaver, that carried him off very quickly.

Dec. 3 (Tu.). D^r^. Prat, Dean of Rochester, being dead, he was buried on Saturd., Nov. 23^d^ last, in a Vault purchased for himself and Family in S^t^. George's Chappel Isle at Windsor, of w^ch^ he was Canon. He was also Vicar of Twickenham, and Preacher of the Savoy. He had likewise the Honour to be one of the Clerks of the Closet to Q. Anne, & Tutor to the Duke of Gloucester, for whose service he first wrote the Latin Grammar that he lately publish'd. He published several Tracts in his Life time, under the Name of a Lover of his Country, particularly, *An Essay for the Coinage of the Mill'd Money*, for which the Parliament, in the Reign of the Prince of Orange, ordered him a Gratuity. It is said that in his last Sickness he ordered what Sermons of his own should be printed after his Decease. He died in an advanced Age.

M^r^. Samuel Clarke, one of the Theater Printers at Oxford, was born on Dec. 17, 1686, at 9 Clock in the Morning[1].

Dec. 4 (Wed.). We are inform'd that most of the People of Aynoe on the Hill in Northamptonshire have left that Place, upon account of the Small Pox. It seems, a Gentleman (a Clergyman, I think), coming lately from Cambridge to see M^r^. Cartwright of Aynoe & M^r^. Wasse, rector of the Place, happen'd to fall sick of y^e^ small Pox, whereupon M^r^. Cartwright & his Family went off, but M^r^. Cartwright gave express Orders that all possible care should be taken of y^e^ Gentleman, & y^t^ if he died, he should be buried very handsomely and decently. The Gentleman did die, & the Bearers at the Funeral getting drunk, let the Coffin fall as they carried it, w^ch^ thereupon broke, & the Corps was burst, & was so offensive y^t^ it frightened the Town, & occasion'd most to go off.

Dec. 5 (Th.). John Anstis, Esq., Garter, Principal King of Arms, is now about 50 years of Age, or, it may be, a little more. He hath been

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about. Has perused the Bishop of Peterborough's book: nothing in it about the three Roberts. [See Diary, Dec. 13.] Believes H.'s conjecture about Mr. Murray's MS. Chronicle is right.

Dec. 5, 1723. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 17). In answer to letter of Nov. 22, there is a MS. of Bale's De Scriptoribus in the Harleian Library. [See Diary, Dec. 16.] Does not find any mention of the names H. inquires after. Has not yet met with any MS. of Robert Moille. Robert of Gloucester quoted by Selden in his Eadmerus. 'I hear D^r^. Stukely has Severall consider-

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[1] See below, Dec. 10.

married but once. His Wife is living, and by her he hath had twenty eight Children, 8 or 9 of wch, I think, are living.

Einesham for Evesham is writ in Rob. of Glouc., p. 560, tho' afterwards in the same page 'tis Euesham.

Dec. 6 (Fri.). On Monday Night, Nov. 25, 1723, an Express arrived at Whitehall from Paris, with Advice that his Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Orleans, late Regent of France, and afterward Prime Minister, upon the Decease of Cardinal *Du Bois*, died there, on Thursday, the 21st of that Month, of an Apoplexy, in the 50th Year of his Age, being born the 23d of July, O. S., 1674. This Prince has governed France, for above 8 Years, as absolutely as any of its former Kings, and tho' his Death was sudden and unexspected, and of Consequence must have given great Surprize, yet he was such a compleat Villain that no one appears sorry for it, as there was as little sorrow shewn upon the Death of Du Bois, another great Rogue, who was eat up with the Pox. By the Death of these two, K. James hath lost two of his greatest Enemies.

Dec. 7 (Sat.). On Sunday last preached, both Morning and Afternoon, at St. Marie's, before the University, Mr. Lindsey of University-College, in order to be qualifyed for the Living given by Dr. Radcliffe, & enjoyed lately by Mr. Bingham, the Dr. having specify'd that no one should have it but he that hath preached two laudable Sermons before the University. This Mr. Lindsey is a married Man. He might have been Head of ye College, if he would, both sides being for him, & so have stopp'd the Controversy there. This I have heard confidently reported.

Dec. 8 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of Sat., Nov. 9, 1723:—

On Sunday last (Nov. 3) Doctor Long (it should be Leng[1]) was consecrated Bp of Norwich, at Lambeth Chappel, by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

(This Dr. John Leng is the same that put out Terence at Cambridge, wch is look'd upon as ye best done of any of the Cambridge Classicks.)

On Saturday Night last died at his House in Petty France John Chamberlayne, Esq., late one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Westminster, Author of the Book entitul'd, The Present State of Great Britain, Member of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in foreign Parts, and Secretary to the Missioners for the Bounty of the late Queen Anne.

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able copartners in his Stone-henge Undertaking, as Ld Pembroke, Sr Andrew, &c. I do not doubt but that you have before this time entertained your Self with Burnet. I hear it makes a great Noise in Town. It is very likely it may produce some *Strictures*.'

Dec. 7, 1723. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 9). Glad H. has got some of Dr. Charlett's things. 'The Mettall [of] My Images of Isis and Osioris Is what they Call Corinthian Brass.' Mr. Jett wants a large copy of Robert of Gloucester.

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

This Gent. was Son of Dr. Edw. Chamberlayne, the original Author of *The pres^t State of England*, afterwds called, *The present State of Great Britain*. He was conceited and proud, and not so ingenious as his Father, who was, nevertheless, also a proud Man, as appears from what Mr. Ant. à Wood hath said of him with respect to Mr. Andrew Allam.

From Mist's Journal, Nov. 23, 1723, Saturd.:—

Last Week died at Bath the Rt Honble the Lord Harvey, eldest son of ye Earl of Bristol, one of ye Gentlemen of the Bed Chamber to the Prince, in the thirty fifth Year of his Age.

(This Ld Harvey had a younger Brother lately Gentleman Commoner of Xt Church, one of the finest Youths I ever knew.)

Also last Week died of the Small-Pox the Rt Honble George Nevil, Baron of Abergavenny in Monmouthshire, [in] about the 25th Year of his Age. He was first Baron of England, his Patent being granted by Edward the 1st, in the 23d Year of his Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1295. He is at present succeeded in his Title by his Brother, Mr. Nevil; but in Case the Lady of the deceased Lord should be delivered of a Son (she being now with Child), the Title will then descend to his Issue.

The Corpse of the Lord Abergavenny is to be carried out of Town on Monday next, to be interr'd near the Seat of the Family at Sheffield in Sussex, with great State and Solemnity.

One Day last Week the Lady of the late Lord Tenham, who shot himself some Months ago, was brought to Bed of a Son.

Dec. 9 (Mon.). Yesterday Morning, about 5 Clock, died Madam Venn, of Holywell in Oxford. She was the Widow of John Venn, D.D.[1], Master or Head of Balliol College, who died in the House of his Father, Simon Venn, situate and being within the Parish of Lydiard S. Laurence, seven Miles distant from Taunton in Somersetshire, on the 8th day of Oct., 1687, aged . . ., and was buried in the Church there. This Dr. Venn took ye Degree of M. of Arts, June 28, 1669, that of B.D. & D.D., June 26, 1685, & was chosen Master of Balliol Coll., Apr. 24, 1678, upon the Death of Dr. Tho. Good. His foresaid Wife was an antient Maid when he married, so that she died of a very advanced Age. Her Name was Catherine, and she was Sister to Sir Edward Low, one of the Masters of the Chancery, daughter & Son of . . . Low, of Fisherton in Wiltsh., by his Wife . . ., Sister to Sir Edw. Hyde, E. of Clarendon, and Ld Chanc. of England. She had no Children by Dr. Venn. She hath left the Character behind her of a very charitable Woman. The poor of Holywell will much miss her[2].

Dec. 10 (Tu.). Mr. Wm Clarke, one of the Theater Printers,

Dec. 10, 1723. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 98. 144. Original, Rawl.

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[1] See Vol. 60, p. 215.

[2] She was buried, at 3 Clock in the Afternoon, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the West End of St. Grymbald's Vault, that runs under the Chancell of St. Peter's Church in the East, and is the first that I know of that was ever buried there, tho' St. Grymbald himself design'd to have been buried in it. On her Coffin was put yt she was aged 88, but they knew not how old she was. From Circumstances it appears she was 92 or 93.

Brother of Mr. Samuel Clarke, abovementioned under Dec. 3d, was born on Apr. 8, 1698, between 4 and 5 in the Morning, being Friday, and was baptized the same day.

Dec. 11 (Wed.). Mr. Wilmot, an Oxford Bookseller, having bought Dr. Charlett's Study of Books for five hundred Guineas, & being now selling them out, I purchas'd the following ones of him the said Wilmot, & paid him for them on Friday, the 6th of this Month:—

	Sir Robt Adkins's Antiquities of Gloucestershire, fol.	05 . 05 . 00
	Dr. Gale's Historians, 3 Vols., fol.	03 . 03 . 00
10	Cressy's Church History, fol.	02 . 00 . 00
	Reinesius's Inscriptions, fol.	01 . 10 . 00
	Newcourt's Repertorium, 2 Vols., fol. . . .	01 . 10 . 00
	Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, fol.	02 . 10 . 00
	Kennett's Parochial Antiquities, 4to . . .	01 . 10 . 00
	Kilburne's Survey of Kent, 4o	00 . 08 . 00
	Scriptores de re accipitraria, 4o	00 . 10 . 06
	Mr. Lhuyd's Lythophylacium, 8o	00 . 02 . 06
	Nicholson's Border Laws, 8o	00 . 07 . 00
	Joannes Twynus de rebus Albionicis, 8o . .	00 . 07 . 06
20	Herne's History of ye Charter House, 8o . .	0 . 07 . 00
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Dec. 12 (Th.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge tells me that the Patronage of the Church of Aldworth in Berks., wch belongs to their College of St. John, Cambr., was originally in the Priory of Bromehall, & came to them from that Nunnery: but he hath met with nothing among their Writings concerning the Antiquities of the Place, & should be glad of any account of that nature. The present Incumbent (he says), late Fellow of that College, is a very honest, good man, but no Antiquary.

Dec. 13 (Fri.). Dr. White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough, in p. 4 of his iiid Paultry Letter about Bp Merkes, tells us yt he hath got Bale *de*

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112. 154). Has got a few more of Dr. Charlett's printed books, but none of his MSS. yet. 'Our Ancestors call'd the Metall of your Images of Isis and Osiris, *Mastlyng*.' Will probably mention the images and publish the letter of Queen Elizabeth in Robert of Gloucester. If possible, will let J. M. and Mr. Jett have large copies.

Dec. 12, 1723. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 19. 61). Believes H. may keep the MS. of Robert of Gloucester as long as he requires it. Advises him to present a copy of his book to the Society, 'inscribed with your hand as your particular gift to that Library.' Will be glad if the MS. of Robert of Brunne pleases H. If he prints it, can procure him a MS. of Peter Langtoft from the Heralds' College. 'Certainly you may quote this MS. of Brunne, not only in the Temple Library, but if you think fitt, the manner how it came thither by the gift originally of Mr. Petit.' Sends list of scarce books of Henry VIII's reign: wishes a collection could be made of them.

Dec. 12, 1723. Lord Harley to H. (Rawl. 8. 184). [See account of this letter, Diary, Dec. 15.]

Dec. 13, 1723. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Rawl. 34. 99). Thanks for second part of Catalogue, box and contents. 'You say the Book I spoke of will

Scriptoribus, of the Folio Edition, with Amendments and Additions by y^e^ Author's own hand. M^r^. Baker of Cambridge informs me that he hath had the perusal of this Book, that the Marginal additions & notes are in Jo. Bale's own hand, w^ch^ he is pretty well acquainted with, that he copied 'em all out, w^ch^ did not cost him much trouble, for they are very few, and these not very considerable. There is nothing in them about either Robert of Glouc., or Rob^t^ Moille, or Robert of Brunne. There are some short Notes there concerning Chaucer & Occleve. Upon the Reg^r^ of Ely M^r^. Baker meets with one Robertus Burne, a Chantry Priest at Ely, an. MCCCCLXIII, but he dares say he was no Poet.

Dec. 14 (Sat.). I very lately met with *Leges et Senatusconsulta, quæ in veteribus cum ex lapide tum ex aere monumentis reperiuntur*, a printed Book, (very thin) but of a large leaf, in 4^to^. It is one of the greatest Curiosities I ever saw. I met with it very accidentally. The several Papers were all roll'd up, but not tyed. Nor had they been ever bound, sow'd, or stitch'd. So that 'tis a wonder that they were so well preserv'd. I did not doubt, when I first saw them, but they were imperfect. But upon examination, I found them compleat, &, for better Security, I have bound them. I know not who was the Printer, nor when they were printed. Neither does the Publisher's Name appear. I suppose some curious Person in his travells took the pains to transcribe the Laws & decrees that he met with on ancient Stones & Brass Monum^ts^, & that he afterwards printed a small Number of Copies. Robortellus was such a Man. And so were Augustinus & Ursinus. I wish others would follow their Example. This would bring to light many Remains of Antiquity not yet known.

Dec. 15 (Sun.). My Lord Harley, in a Letter dated the twelfth of this Month (in w^ch^ he sent me a Bill for fifty Pounds, a Present from his

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still be look'd upon as Goodness. I do not doubt so. So, too, will his other Things, especially if honest Men begin once to extoll them. Such Characters will make those vile Writers proud. You know his Letters about honest B^p^ Merkes. Why don't you say, *o! si sic omnia!* of them too? Since he is known to be such a Writer, Things should be well weigh'd before he be prais'd. I should have told you before that the Index was drawn up by one of Corpus X^ti^, viz. his Brother, Basil Kennett, who was a modest, humble, learned Man, so that one would think they had been begot by two different Men ; and that the Glossary was in good measure taken from some MSS^t^ Notes in a Copy of Skinner's Etymologicon, that belong'd to D^r^. Mill.' Progress of Robert of Gloucester.

Dec. 14, 1723. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 118). Is indebted for letters of 1st and 3rd instant. The translation will be a long work : thinks the part relating to Geoffrey of Monmouth may be left out. 'I am sorry to find you have as little Interest in y^e^ Museum Ashmol. as you have in the Publick Library. This is what I understand by your doubting of meeting with Obstructions in publishing any thing from the Place mention'd by M^r^. Anstis.' Asked Mr. Whiteside to inquire about a scribe : surprised at not hearing from him. Message for Mr. Wilmot. H. may keep the MS. as long as necessary.

Dec. 14, 1723. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 142). Received H.'s of the 4th, and went to Stratford-on-Avon on Thursday. Gives account of Schedel's Chronicle in the possession of Mr. Fancourt, bookseller there.

Ldship), tells me he met with, some time since, at the beginning of a Book, The Title Page of a Book in Folio, thus, *A Memorial of suche Princes as, since the Tyme of King Richarde the seconde, have been unfortunate in the Realme of England; Londini, in ædibus Johannis Walandi, cum Privilegio per Septennium.* On the other side is a copy of Queen Mary's letters Patentes to this Wayland for printing, for seven years, Primers, &c. It begins, *Mary, by the Grace of God Queene of Englande, Fraunce, & Ireland, Defendour of the Faith, and In earth of the Church of Englande and also of Ireland The supreme Head: To all Printers of Books*, & so on. *Wytnes our self at Westminster, the foure & twentieth daye of October, in the first year of our Reigne.*

My Lord saith he hath been never able to see or hear of this book, and yet he hath made several very strict enquiries after it of several knowing persons. He says he shall be very glad of my thoughts upon it, & that if my curiosity leads me so far, and I desire to see the very printed Paper, he will send it me for my inspection by the Post. I do not remember to have ever seen the said Memorial, nor do I know what to think of it. I should be very glad to see the very printed Paper that my Ld hath.

In Mr. Wood's Athenæ, Vol. 2d, col. 564, is an imperfect account of Mr. William Guise, and a part only of the Inscription upon him. My Lord says he shall be obliged to me for the whole Inscription, and also, if I have any Memorials of him to send them him, he shall be very glad. I know very little of this great young Man, Mr. Wm Guise, who was but 30 Years old when he died. His Friend, Dr. Bernard, hath done him Justice in his Preface to the imperfect Book that was left by Mr. Guise. Mr. Guise help'd Dr. Bernard to several emendations upon Josephus, wch were very curious and critical. He left an Apulpheda's Geography ready for the Press. It is now in All Souls College Library, with an Inscription in it written by Dr. Thomas Smith. I could never see this Book. Nor, indeed, could I ever get into that Library, tho' I have desired it.

My Ld wants to know who was the true Author of a book call'd, *Foxes and Fire brands*, printed in K. Charles the 2d's time. I do not know at present who the true Author was.

I must go into St. Michael's Church, Oxon., for Mr. Guise's Inscription, he being buried there in the Chancell.

Dec. 16 (Mon.). Mr. Timothy Thomas, in a Letter dated from Wimpole in Cambridgeshire the 5th of this inst., tells me that there is in the Harleyan Library a MS. of *Bale de Scriptoribus*, the greater part of wch is the Author's own Hand writing.

I was told this Morning, by one that knew him (viz. by Mr. Rance, Senior, the Printer), that Mr. Guise was a tall, thin Man, & that he married Dr. Bury Rector of Exeter's Daughter[1].

Last Week Mr. Shurman, one of the Censors of Xt Church, made his Speech, wch was about *An Quantitas sit divisibilis in infinitum?*, when, to the Amazement of his Auditors, he took the Negative side, & defended it as well as he could.

Madam Venn, it seems, nominated the Pall Bearers her self to be six

[1] This is a Mistake. See below.

Dr^s. of Div. because her Husband had been D^r. of Div. But, instead of this, there were only five Dr^s. of Div., viz. D^r. Dobson, President of Trin. Coll., D^r. Davies of Magd. Coll., D^r. Heywood & D^r. Holdsworth of S^t. John's, D^r. Hunt, Master of Balliol Coll., & the sixth was D^r. Gardiner (I know not how he hook'd himself in), Warden of All Souls. And yet this Gardiner would not go into the Vault to see her Corps deposited.

In the Additions to the Chronicle of Rob. of Glouc. (printed in my Appendix to that Author), w^ch were written in the time of Hen. VI by an anonymous Author, it is said (pag. 588) that K. Hen. II built a tower at Woodstock for fair Rosamond, that was even then called her bower.

Dec. 17 (Tu.). What M^r. Rance told me about M^r. Guise's Wife was a Mistake. For she was not Daughter to D^r. Bury, but the Daughter of George Southcote, of Devonshire, Esq., tho' 'tis likely he might have shew'd some Affection to a Daughter of D^r. Bury's, and that might cause the Mistake. Yesterday, in the Afternoon, I went into S^t. Michael's Church, and in the South Chancell (commonly called The College Chancell) saw M^r. Guise's Monument fix'd on the North Wall, but the Damps have so chang'd the Letters that the Inscription is hardly legible. Yet I made it out easily enough, & 'tis as follows:—

M. S.
GVILELMI GVISE,
Equestri apud Glocestrenses
Familiâ orti, è Coll. Oriel in Coll. Omn.
Anim. asciti, Linguarum (præcipue Orientalium) peritissimi Critici, Rhetoris,
Mathematici, Theologi, in omnibus adeo
Eximij, ut rarò quisquam in singulis; in
juventute, ut rarò quisquam in senio: quem,
ne perfectionis humanæ apices transcenderet,
quæ sola potuit mors præmatura prohibuit,
tum, si usquam, invidia & variolis deformis,
in Septemb., Anno Dom. MDCLXXXIII,
Ætatis XXXI.
Filium reliquit Johannem, filiam
Franciscam, et Mariam posthumam,
Quæ juxta patrem sepulta jacet.
Francisca vidua M. P.

M^r. Stephen Fletcher of Oxford hath printed a Catalogue of Law Books in his own Shop, with Prizes to them, among w^ch is Britton, the second Edition, faithfully corrected according to divers ancient MSS. of the same Book, by Edmund Wingate, Gent., Lond., 1640, 8°.

M^r. Tho. Rawlinson met with his perfect Hollingshede at Newark upon Trent, & it bore the Expense of his Travells ab^t England y^t time. See Vol. 73 of these Remarks, pag. [71][1].

[1] [Hearne's extracts from Thomas Rawlinson's Account of his Travels contains this note: 'In hâc villâ de Newarke obvius mihi factus est Holingshedius plus solito sanus: Ille solus mihi Præmium Laboris & sumptûs impensi per totum iter.']

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[Pp. 1–168 contain 'Epitaphs in some Churches in Berks.,' and extracts from a MS. entitled, 'Collections out of the old MS. Vellom Chartulary of Glastonbury-Abbey, belonging to the Lord Weymouth,' lent to Hearne, Aug. 9, 1722, by the Rev. George Harbin.]

Dec. 18 (Wed.). Mr. Wm Stone, LL.B., and Principal of New Inne Hall, was so wise a Man, and of so much learning, knowledge, and probity, that Dr. Mill us'd to say, *Now, there are many Men that think themselves fit, & would fain be Archbps of Canterbury, but I know no one so well qualify'd as Mr. Stone, tho' he thinks himself fit for no high Station.* He had been a Traveller, and was Founder of St. Clement's Hospital on the East Side of Oxford. He lies buried in St. Michael's Church in Oxford, his Monument being in the College Chancell, just on the West side of that of Mr. Guise. I transcribed it from the Monument on the 16th of this Month, and 'tis as follows :—

H. S. E. | Gvil[el]mvs Stone, Dorsetensis, LL. Bac., | Eruditione, judicio, pietate eximius, | Ingenioque adeo supra fidem præcoci, | Ut, juramento suscipiendo nondum maturus, | Gradum Academicum, quem meruit, | Differre cogeretur. | Egregiam hanc Adolescentiae solertiam | Pari profectu ad senectutem usque præstitit. | Et quamprimum per ætatem licuit, | Ecclesiae Winbvrnensi, loco natalitio, | Summo cum populi desiderio præficiebatur. | Grassante jam bello civili Perduellium injurijs opportunus, | In exercitum Regium se recepit. | Et per multos labores, damna, & pericula, | Officio suo strenue functus est. | Succumbente tandem causâ optimâ, exteras regiones, | Insigni Prudentiæ, et Doctrinæ compendio, peragravit. | Post felicem Caroli 2di reditum Winbvrnæ suæ restitutus est, | De amplioribus minime solicitus. | Dein, ætate morbisque ingravescentibus, Oxoniam remigrans, | Requiem qualem qualem in Aulæ Nov. Hosp. præfectura quæsivit, | Ubi diu corpore infirmo conflictatus, | Memoriâ tamen et judicio ad extremum vegetus, | Opes Egenis, Animam Cœlo tradidit, | x Kal. Vles, A. D. mdclxxxv, | Ætatis lxx.

Dec. 19 (Th.). Last Sunday Dr. Hunt Master of Balliol College's Lady was brought to Bed of a fine boy.

This Morning died the old Widow Cutler, whose Husband died Many Years agoe, and left her very rich. This old Mr. Cutler had been Keeper of the Schools, & died Mancipal of New College, was look'd upon as a very great Knave, & died without Children, tho' they had had a Son who died before the Father some time. They were both very stingy, insomuch that the old Woman was afraid she should (with all her Money) want before she died. 'Tis all come to a Relation, I think a Nephew[1]. The Husband is buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon. She died in the same Parish[2].

Dec. 19, 1723. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 14. 31). Has been so ill that he forgets whether he has answered H.'s last letter. Mr. Leigh Master must be put down as a subscriber for the small paper: what books of H.'s can he procure? Lady Worseley must have *Honourable* before her name. Hopes his book will be finished soon after Christmas.

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[1] 'Tis a Nephew of her own. His Name is Finch.

[2] She was buried in St. Peter's Church, on Sund. Afternoon, Dec. 22d.

Mrs. Mary West, elder Sister (for he hath another younger) of my Friend, Mr. James West of Balliol-Coll., is a mighty pretty young Creature, curious in Prints and Books and Paintings, and has a good Collection.

Dec. 20 (Fri.). I purchas'd lately, *Omnium Cæsarum verissimæ imagines ex antiquis numismatis desumptæ. Addita perbrevi cujusque vitæ descriptione, ac diligenti eorum, quæ reperiri potuerunt numismatum, aversæ partis delineatione. Libri primi Editio altera*; per Antonium Zantanum, comitem. It is a 4° printed Book, and pr. in 1554 (2 of Q. Marie), as appears from this Note printed at the Bottom of the Title Page: *Æneas vicus Parm. F. Anno* MDLIIII. It is a wonderfull Rarity and Curiosity, and formerly belong'd to that Great Critick and Antiquary, John Price, whose Name is written by himself at the Bottom of the Title Page, viz. *Joannes Pricæus, Bononiæ*, 1637. This great Man (who was a Roman Catholick) lived many Years in Italy, was esteem'd by all noble, generous, and learned Men, and for his great Knowledge became at length Medallist to the Duke of Florence. By his residing in that Country he had an opportunity of picking up an admirable Collection of Books (of wch this was one), Prints, Coyns, &c.

Dec. 21 (Sat.). The last Abbat of Canterbury's Name was *John Sturvey*, alias *Essex*, as may be seen in the vith Volume of Leland's Coll., pag. 117, but in John Twine's Com. de rebus Albionicis, pag. 4, he is called Joannes Vochius, as he is also several times afterwards, where there is a great Character of him for his Skill in Antiquities. The said Twine was well acquainted with him, & had a great Veneration for him, he being a venerable old Man.

On Monday, the 9th inst., was a very high Wind, when the Book in the Right Hand of the Effigies of K. James Ist upon the School-Tower at Oxford was blown down.

Mr. Wilmot, of Oxford, bookseller, who hath bought Dr. Charlett's Books, told me on Thursday last that he hath sold my Ed. of Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More for two Guineas.

One of the Godfreys of Heddington told me to-day that old Howse of their town dyed, near an hundred Years old, at his Daughter's at Chalgrove, about a Year agoe. This Daughter of his was formerly a spruce Girl. Howse himself lived once toppingly, but spent all for the sake of this Girl.

Dec. 22 (Sun.). In Oxford lives now Mr. Woods (commonly called Nally Woods), a very eminent Chirurgeon, of the same Family with the knocking Woods's mentioned by Dr. Plot. This Mr. Woods hath a most admirable Skill in Midwifery, and does most signal Service that way, insomuch that he hath saved a great many People's Lives, when Women Midwives have not been able to succeed. Two Instances of this happened last Week, one in Mrs. Richards, wife of Henry Richards, a Shoemaker in St. Peter's in the East. This Woman (Daughter of one old Goody Swan, of St. Clement's, by Oxford) had two Midwifes, but they could not do the Business, wch occasion'd Mr. Woods to be sent for, who did it effectually, tho' the Child was kill'd, but the Woman's Life was

sav'd, and so might the Child's too, had he been sent for sooner. Mr. Rance tells me yt his Daughter Sidney was born by Mr. Woods's means, his Wife being delivered by him.

Dec. 23 (Mon.). Last Thursday Dr. Wm Baker, Warden of Wadham College, resign'd his Wardenship, upon account of his being made Bp of Bangor, in room of Dr. Reynolds, translated to Lincoln, and Yesterday Morning Mr. Thistlethwayt, Fellow of that College, was elected Warden without Opposition. Dr. Baker had desired that one Nash, Fellow of the College, might be his Successor, but this would not do, tho' Nash be the Senior. Both these Gentlemen are Whigs, but Nash being look'd upon as the cunninger Man, and more able than the other to do mischief in the College, they unanimously struck in for Thistlethwayt, especially since the Tory side could not carry it for one of themselves.

We hear that last Wednesday Sir Thomas Sebright's Lady was brought to bed of a Son, being his first Child, tho' he hath been married several Years.

Yesterday that impudent Coxcomb, Bowles of Oriel Coll., was ordain'd Priest by the Bp of Oxford at Xt Ch.

About a Fortnight since, died Mr. John Wood, a Distiller of Oxford, Nephew of the late Ant. à Wood. He hath left a very indifferent Character behind him. He was buried in St. John Baptist's Church Yard. He was brother of Dr. Thomas Wood.

I heard Mr. Kimber of Holywell say last Night (and he gave Instances of it) that Abbey Lands were observ'd to thrive in the Hands of Roman Catholicks, but not of others.

He told me Dr. Constable was return'd from beyond Sea, and is now at Worcester. The said Dr. Constable I have formerly mentioned as a very learned, ingenious Man.

Dec. 24 (Tu.). At Temple Cowley, near Oxford, was a Preceptory for Knts Templars. See Vol. 88, p. 27, of these Remarks. This is not taken notice of in those that have writ abt Religious Houses.

In the Prose Additions to Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle we have *pykeled eyen* for *fine and small Eyes*. *Pykele* is the same with *pucelle*, i. e. *a maid, damsell, virgine, fine young Girl, pretty, young, beautifull Creature.* And this Word was much used in former times by young Gentlemen, especially at Places near Oxford, one of wch was Garsington, and another was Sunningwell in Berkshire, to wch Village of Sunningwell many Persons of Note us'd to go, particularly at yt time when Fryer Bacon sometimes retired thither, whereof they have a tradition at Sunningwell to this day, & upon the upper Part of ye Tower of the Church is a Place yt they call Fryer Bacon's Study. Many of the Persons at Sunningwell (of whom this word pykeled was spoke) had forfeited their Chastity, wch occasion'd a sort of a Proverbial saying there, that is retain'd to this day, viz.

All the maids in Sunningwell
You may put in an Eggshell.

Dec. 25 (Wed., Xtmass Day). On Friday last dyed Mrs. Anne Aylworth (Daughter of the late Chancellor Aylworth), aged 70 Years, at

the House she hath lodged at many Years in S^t^. Gyles's Parish in Oxon., and was buried in S^t^. Michael's Church, Oxon., on Sunday following. There were 14 Coaches, besides the Hearse, at her Funeral. Her Father and Mother lye buried at S^t^. Michael's. She hath left an hundred Pounds, the use of it to go for ever to the Poor of S^t^. Michael's Parish. She was Daughter of D^r^. Aylworth by his first Wife. By his second Wife are left two other Daughters, who lived in S^t^. Gyles's with this M^rs^. Anne, viz. M^rs^. Ellen and M^rs^. Hannah. The youngest, M^rs^. Hannah, receives all and pays all. This M^rs^. Hannah, three or four Years agoe, was forced by a high Wind into the Ditch by S^t^. Gyles's Church Yard, as she was coming from Church, & had like to have been stifled. After w^ch^ she, at her own Charges, had a Wall put on each side as we go into the Church Yard, to be a Guard for the future. They have been all three look'd upon as good sort of People. Neither of these three Daughters was ever married.

Dec. 26 (Th.). Daniel Langhorn, in p. 9, 10, of his Introduction to the History of England, quotes a Passage in Verse out of an old English Chronicle in verse, w^ch^ he says is in Saxon in Trin. Coll. Library, Cambr. He refers to Comm. in Bedæ Hist. Eccl., lib. i. I have not Whelock's Bede. But, upon comparing the Passage, I find it to be Rob. of Gloucester's, and that therefore the Chron. is not properly Saxon, but an English one since the Conquest.

Dec. 27 (Fri.). Last Night I was in Company with M^r^. W^m^ Reading, formerly of University College and a Schoolmaster in Oxford (teaching a private School), but now Keeper of the Library of Sion College in London, to w^ch^ he was chosen soon after he left Oxford, about fifteen Years agoe, much about w^ch^ time he also married a pretty young Woman, who happened to be mightily taken with him, tho' he be not a personable Man, but a plain, downright, honest Person, with whom she thought she should be more happy than an handsome Man. They lived happily together for some time, but she died soon of a Consumption, having one Child only by M^r^. Reading, w^ch^ was buried with her in the same Grave. M^r^. Reading express'd much Concern for her Death, as he insinuated last Night, but some time after married a second Wife, by whom he hath had four Children, all living. His Mother (an old, infirm Woman) is still living in Worcestershire, & he goes this Morning out of Oxford to pay her a Visit. This M^r^. Reading (who is a Clergyman) hath published several Books, two of w^ch^ are Cluver's Geography & Valesius's Ecclesiasticall Historians, and he is now publishing in folio, A Catalogue of Sion College Library, about half of w^ch^ (he says) is already printed. He is about 52 Years of Age. He brought with him a thin folio Paper MS., left to the Ashmolean Muséum by y^e^ late M^r^. E. Waple of S^t^. John's Coll. It was written by M^r^. Edw. Gresham.

Meeting this Afternoon with M^r^. Clarke, of Oxford, the Scrivener, he told me that he was in the 79^th^ Year of his Age, that he was born in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, tho' he lived many Years in Sunning Parish in Berks., that tho' he was a great Lover of History, and read much of it, yet he never read Stowe's Survey of London 'till very

lately, when he read it all over with very great Satisfaction, having borrowed it of old Nic. Cox, the Bookseller.

[A long note about crosses, printed in the Glossary to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 636, omitted.]

Dec. 29 (Sun.).

On Saturd., the 21 inst., about Eleven o' Clock, died, at his House in Essex-street, Sir John Bennet, K^t^, Serjeant at Law, and Judge of the Marshal's Court. Two of the said Gentleman's Sons, viz. John and Tho. Bennet, Esq^rs^, are Masters in Chancery. His Daughter, the Lady Vicountess Lisburn, died at her Father's House some Months ago.

Mist's Journal, Saturd., Dec. 28.

Dec. 30 (Mon.). There are no Remains now of Missenden Abbey in Bucks., only a Cloyster. Nor is there any Account to be gathered how far it extended, or how big it was. But there is a place which they say the Church stood on. We are also as ignorant as to the Bigness of that. Several Coffins have been found here, and, among the rest, near to the Place where the Church stood, was found, some Years agoe, one of Stone, wherein was an intire Corps, which had not been expos'd to the Air above 10 Minutes before it was Ashes. In this Coffin were found a Lamp and a Crucifix, which, with the Ashes of the Corps, were committed to the Ground at the Request of M^rs^. Fleetwood, Mother of the then Lord of the Manor. M^r^. Fleetwood's House was built out of the Abbey Materials.

This Day, about half an hour after eleven of the Clock, died M^r^. W^m^ Musgrave, of the Eagle and Child in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, being near, if not quite, fourscore Years of Age, an Irishman of a very good Character for his Honesty, notwithstanding he was a Roman Catholick. He was a Souldier in Ireland for K. James II. He hath left a Widow and many Children, Sons and Daughters [1].

Dec. 31 (Tu.). Ankerwike in Bucks. consists of Meadow Grounds, and therefore subject to be overflowed. It comes from the Saxon Ancep, *anchorite*, or *hermite*, or *solitary*, and pic, a *village* or *dwelling place*, so that the true signification is, *a solitary place*, or *anchorite's cell*. And, indeed, here was a Religious House, viz. a Priory or Nunnery of the Order of S^t^. Bennet, built by Gilbert & Richard Munfichet, K^ts^, to the Order of S^t^. Mary Magdalen, temp. H. 2 (Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 16), and I am apt to think that long before that here had been an Anchorite's Cell. There is nothing remarkable now remaining of the Nunnery, nor do the least Ruins of it appear. But out of it hath been built a good Seat. At the Dissolution it was return'd into the Commissioners to be wholly in ruine, and therefore 'tis very probable that what was left standing was quickly after pull'd down. It does not appear to me at present where the Church stood, nor do I hear of the Discovery of any Coffins, or other sacred Reliques of that kind. But, in all likelyhood, the Church was in the Court before the House, where is a great Yew

[1] He was buried in S^t^. Peter's Ch. Yard in the East, Jan. 1, 4 Clock in the Afternoon.

Tree. The Ground behind the House is levelled for Gardens, so that nothing remains to prove it an ancient Habitation, except the Moats. At this Place John Tayler, Bishop of Lincoln, died in the Year 1553, 1° Mariæ, some Years after the Dissolution[1]. The Estate now belongs to the Harcourts, and they have got a great Number of old Evidences relating to this Nunnery.

I heard Mr. Tho. Myn, the Joyner, say to-day that he was born on Nov. 5th, 1666. He also told me that when he was a Journyman in London, he once walk'd the Length of London, purely out of Curiosity, and that he set out at three Clock in the Morning, & had done by eleven, & found it seven Miles in length. He said he once went to Chester on purpose to see a Building there[2], the only one in England, just in shape of one of the Egyptian Pyramids. He sayd he doubted not but the Architect, a most curious Man, had them in his View. He said he ask'd the Keeper of the Church[3] whether there were not a Corps in it. He told him there was one below, so he went down and saw an old Altar Monument, it may be the Founder's.

Jan. 1 (Wed.), 172$\frac{3}{4}$. The Abbey House of Medmenham, commonly called Mednham, in Bucks., seems most part of it to have been built since the Dissolution, as doth the Chappell at the End of one of the Wings. There is no painted glass nor Arms of it remaining. In the Chappell (wch is a low, til'd Building, paved with ordinary Brick) lye some broken Marble Carvings, being Representations of our Saviour, which came from the Abbey. They can give very little or no account of the Abbey, and no more is remember'd to be standing than what now remains, which is part of the North Isle. It seems to have been a very good Building. For those four Pillars remaining are very handsomely wrought. The Windows are large, and the whole Ruines consist of very good square Ashler Stone. The length of the Part of the N. Isle standing is 16 Yards, the Breadth 4 Yards.

There are the Ruines of an old, strong Building here, wch they call Bulbank's Castle, wch I take to be part of the Mannour House of Hugh

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[*c.* end of 1723?] **Edmund Hearne to H.** (Rawl. 28. 115). 'I must begg of you, Dear Brother, when you Look ouer my Dear Father's Books, if you Could bestow any of them upon mee, they will be uery acceptable, and they may be seruiseable to mee one time or other; but I shall leaue this to your desposeing, whom all those things Doth in Right belong to. I should be glad to know when you goe ouer to White Waltham, because I would, if you thought fitt, meete you there att my Mother in Law's. I am att Work now att my Lord Cadogan's, att Causham, in the Gardens under Mr. Acres [?], who undertaks it, but I Designe to gett into Seruice again as soon as I can gett into some good, Ciuill Family. Mr. Neuill Lauder Giues his Seruice to you, and if you call att any time this way, he will goe along with you to Mr. Brigam's, who has the Rightings of the Chapell upon Causham Bridge, and is within two Miles of this place.'

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[1] Godwin de Præs., p. 361.

[2] It was chiefly about Dr. Stratford Bp of Chester's Monument, he being concern'd about erecting it.

[3] The Cathedral.

de Bolebec, who had given both it and its appurtenances to the Abbey of Woburn in Bedfordshire (of wch he was Founder), after wch the Abbat & Monks of Woburn took care to have a Cell built here (commonly called Mednham Abbey) in the beginning of K. John's Reign, whose Charter for that end bears date the 2d Year of his Reign. So that Hugh de Bolebec was the true Founder, tho' 'twas built several Years after his Death.

Last Night was buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxon., the Widow Wheatly, an Apothecary of Oxford, whose Husband died many Years since. There is a Son, an extravagant young Man, who may soon spend 30 libs. per an. that is come to him.

Jan. 2 (Th.). Last Night I was with Mr. Reading two or three hours again, he being return'd from seeing his Mother, now almost fourscore Years old, a very infirm, weak Woman, in Worcestershire. He says that after he hath published his Catalogue of Sion Coll. Library, he designs to print a Volume of Sermons in 8vo[1].

Yesterday, about two Clock in the Afternoon, Mr. Richard Johnson Mancipal of Edm. Hall's Wife was brought to bed of a Son, being his 3d Child.

Jan. 3 (Fri.). At Burnham in Bucks. was a Priory of Benedictine Nuns, built A. D. 1266, by Richard, King of the Romans, to the honour of St. Mary. Its annual revenues were worth at the Suppression 51l. 2s. 4d. q., *Dugd.*; 91l. 5s. 11d., *Speed.* What remains of this Abbey lays about a Mile South of the Church. It seems to have been fitted up for a Seat or Habitation soon after the Dissolution, but was quickly, for some account, forsaken, and left to Tenants, who chose a mean Habitation at a little Distance. The Fabrick remaining is in the Shape of an L, one part of wch is divided into an Hall, Kitchen, and other Offices, & the other converted into a Dormitory, over which (as is said) hung a Bell. The Dormitory & Hall, &c., are full of little arch'd Windows. All the ancient Windows remain, & the Fabrick seems to have been in good Repair at the Dissolution. I can learn no account of the Church. It probably stood on one side the Dormitory. Here are diverse Motes & Ponds, as are also at Marlow Abbey and Medmenham Abbey.

Yesterday I was told by Mrs. Major, Wife of Mr. Major, Keeper of the Oxford Schools, that Madam Ven desired most earnestly to be buried in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, and by no means in the Church, and this she repeated over and over. And yet her Executor, not observing her Request, had her buried (or rather put, for it cannot properly be called Buried) in a hole of the Church by St. Grymbald's Vault, as I have before observed. She was most certainly in the right in that

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Jan. 2, 172¾. J. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 120). Please enter Sir Clement Cotterill for Robert of Gloucester. Mr. Anstis agrees with J. B. as to omitting the translation of Geoffrey of Monmouth. Mr. A. has promised to borrow the French Peter Langtoft from the College of Arms, if it differs from the Cotton MS.

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[1] These Sermons are since come out.

she desired to be buried in the Church Yard. It is what is exactly agreeable to Antiquity. Church-Yards are the Κοιμητήρια, or Cemiteries, or Places of Sleeping 'till the Resurrection, not the Churches. Churches were design'd for the Living, not for the Dead. So Dr. Peirce, of Magd. Coll., Oxford, us'd to say, and he insisted upon it in his Sermons. And Madam Ven's Husband was buried in the Church-Yard, not in the Church, viz. in the South side of Laurence Liddiard Church-Yard in Somersetshire, where he hath a Tomb four square, on the South side of which is this Inscription :—

Here lyeth the body of
John Venn,
The fourth son of Mr. Simon Venn
of Pyleigh.
He was Dr. of Divinity, Master of Baliol Colledg,
And
Late Vice Chancellour of the University of
Oxford;
Who dyed the 8th day of October,
Anno { Domini 1687.
{ Ætatis suæ 41 [1].

Jan. 4 (Sat.). The Church of Burnham in Bucks. is a Vicaridge endow'd, and formerly belong'd to Burnham Abbey. The length of this Parish from N. to S. is 5 Miles, and 3 Miles in Breadth. There are two antient Places in it, one near Cippenham, called Prime Rose Hill, the other in East Burnham Common. They are both moated about, and there appear at them Foundations of antient Buildings. They are supposed to have been two Seats of some of our Kings, probably of the Mercians, being just on the Borders of that Kingdom. Here is a small Brook, that rises from a Pond, and runs thro' Cippenham, & so falls into the Thames, carrying a Mill call'd Eye Mill.

On Thursday Morning last (Jan. 2d) died in the Morning, of the small Pox, one Mr. Stillback of Queen's-Coll., a young Man, very sober and regular, of about two Years' standing, that came out of the North, and was Servitour in the College. He was buried the same day in the Evening, in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East.

Priscilla Clarke, Sister of Saml & William Clarke, Printers at the Theater, was born on June 12, 1685, at six Clock in the Morning, being Friday, and was baptized on June 21st following.

Jan. 5 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Yesterday, Sat., Jan. 4, 1724 :—

On Sunday, in the Afternoon, arrived a Mail from Flanders. A Letter which came by this Mail from Brussels, dated Jan. 5, N. S., advises that the

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Jan. 5, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 99. 209). Robert of Brunne's Chronicle being so long, thinks of omitting the first part, and confining himself entirely to the second, which contains Peter Langtoft.

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[1] [On an inserted leaf is a copy of Dr. Venn's epitaph given to Hearne on Dec. 18, 1721, by James West of Balliol College. At the foot of it is this note: 'There is a Death's head on ye East square. His Coat of Arms on the West, with his Wife's. Nothing on the North or top of the Tomb.']

Agent of the Duke of Lorrain had shewn to the Marquis de Prie a Letter he had received from Nancy, giving an Account that the Gang of Highwaymen who assassinated and robbed the English Gentlemen some time ago on the Road near Calais, and who have since committed other Murthers and Robberies on the same Road, has been seized at Nancy. The Chief of them is a Collector of some small Impost in Lorrain, who first took to this execrable Course of Life with others who are Lorrainers, but afterwards increased his Gang in the French Netherlands. One Thing particular in the Agent's Letter was that when the Officers of Justice came to seize the said Collector at his House, his Daughter catch'd up a Firelock, and shot one of them dead. Farther Particulars were shortly expected.

An Epitaph on the late Rev. Mr. Bingham, Author of the HISTORY OF PRIMITIVE ANTIQUITY.

Obstupesce, Viator!
Venerandi Cineres hîc sunt reconditi
Josephi Bingham, A.M.,
Collegij Universitatis, apud *Oxonienses*,
Quondam Socij.
Cujus Multiplicem si spectes Doctrinam,
Si exactam veteris Disciplinæ &
Consuetudinum Ecclesiasticarum Notitiam,
Quam multis Scriptis prodidit,
Cyprianicâ Ætate, vel etiam *Ignatiana*,
Vixisse agnoscas;
Nisi quod non esset *Episcopus*.
At, Væ! Sæculo, meritorum Immemori, Ingrato!
Cum, qui, Patriarchatum in Ecclesia meruit,
Non, nisi *Havanti*, in agro *Hantoniensi*,
Parochus obijt.

Jan. 6 (Mon.). Burnham in Com. Bucks., that I have mentioned above, consists of 4 Divisions, viz. Burnham Town & East Burnham, Cippenham and Boveney, where there is a Chappel. The Vicar endowed with the small and great Tithes arising from East Burnham. The Tithes of the other part of the Parish formerly belong'd to Burnham Abbey. Cippenham seems by the Name to have been formerly a Market Town. In East Burnham is an ancient Seat, call'd Allards, situate a Mile S. of the Town, which, for about 400 Years, has belong'd to the Eyres. There is also another old Seat in this Parish, viz. in Boveney Division, and 'tis call'd Hundercomb. It formerly belong'd to the Darells, an ancient Family, but now extinct. After it came to the Evelyns, and was lately bought by Tho. Eyres, Jun., Esq. In East Burnham Common is a Place called Hartley Cote, moated about, in wch, 'tis reported, in the time of the Heptarchy one of the Kings lived, but nothing is extant but the Mote.

Jan. 7 (Tu.). Mr. Meadocourt of Merton Coll. hath printed the Sermon he preached at Merton Coll. last first of May, before the Univ., but it is most horrid, vile Stuff.

Last Sunday died a Daughter of Counsellor Carter, of Great Hasely, of the small Pox. She was a pretty Girl, of about 15 Years old. He had her by his first Wife. She was buried very decently in St. Aldate's Church, Oxon., on this day, in the Afternoon, being brought in a hearse, and six Mourning Coaches attending.

Jan. 8 (Wed.). Mr. George Hammond, M.A., Fellow of Brazen-Nose Coll., and late Head School-Master of Macclesfield in Cheshire, was lately presented to the Living of Syrensham, alias Syersham, alias Sysham, in the County of Northampton, wch is, in some measure, a Sine-Cure, because his Parishioners are generally buried at Northampton.

Last Night, about six Clock, died Mrs. Sawyer, Wife of one Mr. Richard Sawyer, a Cooper in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., and one of the Daughters of one Smith, a Gent. that lives behind the Angel Inn, Oxon. She had been delivered of a Child a little before, & was just recovered of the Small Pox, but was taken with a Pleurisy, wch carried her off, to the great Grief of those that knew her, she being a very pretty, good natur'd, civil young Woman, tho' her Husband be a cross, ill natured, sorry Fellow.

This day, in the Afternoon, was buried in St. Peter's Ch. in the East, Oxon., one Will. Wild, Capper of that Parish, a poor Fellow, whose Wife, notwithstanding very poor, would have him buried in the Church, where his Brother had been buried a year or two before.

This day died Jacob Richards, abt 2 Clock in the Afternoon. He had been formerly Cook of Edm. Hall. Afterwds he was second Cook of New-Coll., then second Cook of Queen's-Coll., in wch Post he died, being 75 Years of Age last August.

Jan. 9 (Th.). Last Night Mrs. Sawyer was buried pretty late (viz. about 11 Clock) in Magd. Parish Church, Oxon., where her Mother lyes buried.

Dr. Richd Frewin, of Oxford, Physician, hath got a MS. containing, An account of the hospital of St. Mary Magd., near Bawtree in Com. Notingham, by John Slacke, Master of that Hospital.

Yesterday I saw and talk'd with a Man, a Joyner by Trade, of sixty Pounds per an., of Watlington, who told me that tho' the Church be now a this side the Town, at a little distance from it, yet formerly the Town stood where the Church is, and that there are there great Foundations of old Buildings. I told him there had been a Castle at Watlington, which he agreed in, and said it must have been on one side of the Church.

[The following notes occur after the Index :—]

[1] Memorand. that Mr. Eyston of Hendred hath a Parchment Writing relating to the Abbey Mannour of Hendred, wch Mannour was so call'd because it belong'd to the Abbey of Reading. I think it may be proper to be printed in Neubrigensis. I have not yet seen it.

P. 27 of the iid Tome of the Catalogue of MSS. is a Cat. of ye MSS. of Westm., n. 63 of wch is intit., J. Fleete de Fundatione & Dedicatione Ecclesiæ Westmonasteriensis. To inquire about it. Mr. Mattaire drew up ye Catalogue.

About 16 or 17 Years since, a Gentleman coming to a Club said that he was just now come from a Person of Repute, that told him that, in digging up the Mell in St. James's Park, that very Day was found a large Stone Coffin, in wch, when opened, they found a Corps, with the Head put to the Neck, and the Chirurgeon and others that saw it concluded it

[1] [Most of these notes were probably written before 1724.]

to be the Corps of a Person beheaded, & the Report then went that it was the Corps of K. Charles I^st^. This story I had from a very honest, worthy Gent. in the Year 1717, when I was writing my Preface to Camden's Eliz.—Tho. Hearne.

A Benedictine Nunnery at Culham. So one said that was Steward to S^r^ Cecil Bishop. Quære, whether it was not M^r^. Young of Culham. Old M^r^. W^m^ Weston, Malster of Abbingdon, said the same. The present Steward's Name is Young. He lives at Culham, and can tell many Things about it.—A.D. 1717.

Smith's MSS., Vol. 7, p. 35 :—

Remember here alsoe y^t^ William Camden, Clarenceux, gave (absit verbo invidia) 148l. yearly to a Historicall Lecture, & instituted there-unto M^r^. *Deggory Wheare* for the first Lecturer.

He was not in Orders, and had no Benefice. He held the Principality of Gloucester-Hall with the Lecture. M^r^. Twyne was in Orders & Bach. Div., yet was to have succeeded M^r^. Wheare, had he not died first. M^r^. Twyne had the Reversion, but dying (as I said) before M^r^. Wheare, the R^t^ of election came to the University.

[Vol. c of the Diaries contains notes on Godstow and Binsey, printed in Hearne's *Guil. Neubrigensis*, and notes on Glastonbury from an essay by Charles Eyston. Vol. ci contains miscellaneous notes and extracts, chiefly from printed books.]

VOL. CII.

Jan. 10 (Fri.). D^r^. Bland, head Master of Eaton School, is made a Prebendary of Windsor, in the room of D^r^. Prat, deceased. This D^r^. Bland is said to be an industrious Man in his School, but it is certain, from an Epitaph in Latin that I have seen of his composing, that he is but a muddy headed Man, and that he cannot write clear & intelligibly in that Language.

Jan. 11 (Sat.). Yesterday, at 4 Clock in the Afternoon, was buried Jacob Richards, the Cook, in S^t^. Peter's Ch. Yard in the East, by his Children, tho' his Wife, who died some Years before, was buried in the Church. But the reason of her being buried in the Church was to prevent her being taken up again, it being a common practise nowadays for young Physicians to rob Church Yards, tho' even Churches are still less safe, many Clarks, as 'tis said, in London, & other great Places, being confederate with the Physicians. But 'tis for young People, especially young Women, that they generally seek, w^ch^ sometimes they mistake, & take up old Women. So that I remember that about twenty Years agoe (and this was the chief occasion of M^rs^. Richards's being buried in the Church, for she was an old Woman), a pretty young Woman being

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Jan. 11, 172¾. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 99). Fancies H. is right in omitting part of Brunne. Will doubtless borrow Langtoft at the next chapter. If of use, can send Peter de Ickham's Historical French Poem at the same time. Took the catalogue of books printed in the time of Henry VIII from Bale.

buried in S^t^. Peter's Ch. Yard in the East, search was made in the night time for her body, but they mistook her Grave, & took up one goody Beecham, an old Woman who had been Bed-maker of Edm. Hall, & was buried at the same time. This old Woman they had convey'd out of the Church Yard, but being some way or other disturbed as they were going along, they drop'd her, and set her in her shrewd, bolt upright, just under Edm. Hall against the Wall, where (before day) in the Morning she, being seen, frighted some People, who knew nothing of the Matter.

Bleeching Horse hair is an Expression commonly made use of by your Scotch-men and others that deal in hair for Wigs, horse hair being commonly made use of, as well as humane Hair, on such occasions, but then, before 'tis us'd, 'tis whitened, so that *bleeching* signifies *whitening*, from the Saxon Word, æblece, *pallidus, pale, wan, whitish, bleak.*

Jan. 12 (Sun.). On Tuesday last the Hon^ble^ Philip Howard, Esq., Brother to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, was married at Twickenham to a Daughter of Thomas Stoner, of Wattleton-Park in Oxfordshire.

Jan. 13 (Mon.). *Mangenel*, in Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, is an old Word signifying a military Engin, in reference to which I shall observe that the French now call it *mangonel*, and that one of the Interpretations in Cotgrave is *an old fashioned Sling*. Some of the most ancient military Weapons were Slings. Our Ancestors, the Britains, were expert in them. After Slings came *catapultæ*, battering Rams, and other Engins. The ancients used to express such Weapons on the Monuments of famous Souldiers. And in this they had y^e^ Jews for Examples. Thus Simon, Governour of the Jews (Maccab. xiii. 27), raised a most noble Monument to his Father, Mother, and Brethren, on which were many cunning Devices, and by it seven Pyramids, and divers columns or Pillars, adorned with their Armour. This stately, high monument continued many Ages, and may put us in mind of the Roman Columns, some of w^ch^ have been discovered under Ground, & of the Egyptian Pyramids. 'Twas from the Jews' adorning the Monum^ts^ of their Heroes with Military Instruments that even the X^tians^ put up Pennons and other Ensigns of Honour in Churches, tho' the most common Banner on our Monuments, before the Dissolution of Religious Houses, was a Cross, which, however, hath since that time been generally discontinued as Popish and Superstitious. And yet, why more Popish in this Case than to sign Infants with the Cross at the time of their Baptism, w^ch^ is still practis'd (and that very laudably) among us? Methinks, Cranmer's Monument by Balliol College had been never a whit the less honourable, had a Cross been put on it, such a one as we see on some old (tho' otherwise very plain) Stones in some Church Yards. Especially since he is allow'd to have been a Martyr, and to have died for the true Christian Religion. If Crosses were found at Stonehenge on any of the Stones, they might argue the Monument to be Christian. But that is a Subject I wave at present.

Jan. 14 (Tu.). On Sunday last M^r^. James West of Balliol College

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Jan. 14, 172¾. **Lord Harley to H.** (Rawl. 8. 185). Has sent the title-page H. desired. Thanks for Inscription.

told me that Malvern Minor[1] Priory in Worcestershire is now the Seat of Thomas Savage, Esq., who hath abundance of old Writings relating to it. This Thomas Savage, Esq., married the Countess Dowager of Coventry, whose husband, the Earl of Coventry, died many Years since, in the 70th Year of his Age, 4 Years after he had married her. At the time of marrying the said Earl, she was about 20 Years of Age, as I am told, and was a brisk, handsome, gay Lady, as she is brisk still, & comely. Mr. Savage hath had a Son by her, who is a pretty Youth, of about 15 Years of Age, & is now Gentleman Commoner of Balliol College. There are also two Daughters by this Mr. Savage, both elder than the Son, one of wch is now about to be married to a Clergyman. The Earl of Coventry left his Lady, now the Countess Dowager, a vast deal.

Jan. 15 (Wed.). Yesterday I purchased out of the late Dr. Charlett's Study, now selling by Mr. Wilmot, the Bookseller, a Sermon, in 4to, of 40 Pages, upon Psal. 4. 7. It cost Dr. Charlett five Shillings, as himself formerly told me (MS. nostr. Coll., vol. 51, p. 176), is printed in red Letters, and is one of the greatest Rarities I ever saw[2]. The Title Page is wanting, & perhaps there never was any. The Author was Mr. Josias How, Fellow of Trinity-College, Oxon., a very great Cavalier and Loyalist, and a most ingenious Man. It was preached before K. Ch. I at Christ-Church, and was printed an. 1644, or thereabouts, as Mr. Wood observes (Ath. Oxon., Vol. ii, col. 737), tho' he could never see the Sermon. I have been well assured that this Sermon was printed at Oxford, at Lichfield's Press, and that there were only thirty Copies printed, that K. Charles I ordered it himself to be printed in red Letters, and that Lichfield, being then printing Archbp Usher's Ed. of Ignatius's Epistles, made use of the very same Ink that he did in Ignatius, where is a great deal of red Letter. The times being troublesome, & in Confusion, & very bloudy, a red letter was proper, & 'tis very probable that the Sermon being much talk'd of then, as it hath been since, to secure both himself & the printer the better, Mr. How might leave out the Title Page. Mr. Wood was well acquainted with this Mr. How, and yet for all that he could neither see this Sermon, nor get a good, clear account of it, wch makes me think that Mr. How had no Copy of it by him, when Mr. Wood became acquainted with him. I have heard old Mr. Crosley, an Oxford Book-seller, who died some Years agoe at Great Milton (having left off his Trade some time before he died), say more than once, upon my asking him, that he once had this Sermon in red Letters, but he could not tell who bought it. It may be, 'tis this very Copy that I now have. As for Mr. How, who took the Degree of Bach. of Div., July 10, 1646, being created among many others that had the honour of Degrees confer'd on them by Creation that year, for their laudable Sermons before the King, Court, and Parliament at Oxon. (preached by all of them some time before), he was put out of his Fellowship by the Parliamentarian Visitors, An. 1648, was restored in 1660 (tho' he gained nothing by his sufferings[3],

[1] A mistake. It should be Malvern Major.
[2] [See vol. iv, p. 423, of these *Collections*.]
[3] Wood, loc. cit.

as many other honest Cavaliers did nothing by theirs), lived to a great Age, & died Fellow of the College some Years agoe, but lived so retiredly in the latter Part of his Life that he rarely came abroad, so that I could never see him, tho' I have often much desired to have had a Sight of him.

This Day I rec^{d} a Letter from my L^{d} Harley, dated Dover Street, Janu. 14, 172$\frac{3}{4}$, with the Title Page he mentioned to me for my Perusal, on the Back side of which are Queen Mary's Letters Patentes. The whole Leaf is as follows, in folio.

[Copy of title-page, &c., of 'A memorial of suche Princes as . . . haue been vnfortunate in the Realme of England,' London, John Wayland (1553?), omitted. A bidding prayer, &c., printed in the Glossary to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 682 (cf. 624), also omitted.]

Jan. 17 (Fri.). On Wednesday last I saw M^{r}. Powell of Sandford, he being then in Oxford.

[Scandal about Bp. Burnet omitted.]

Which is no wonder, considering that this Burnet [. . . . . .] writ a Discourse in Defence of Polygamy, another for the Divorce of K. Charles II and Q. Catharine, & that he hath written a most scandalous, lying Romance (as he hath many other lying Things), that he calls the History of his own Times, the 1st Part of which is just come out, & is so horrid a Thing that no Credit is given to it by any, insomuch that 'tis justly thought that a more effectual Method could not have been taken than this eternally to ruin his Credit and Authority.

Jan. 18 (Sat.). M^{r}. Powell told me the other day that there is a Meadow by Sandford called Bass More, w^{ch} M^{r}. Davies, Minister formerly of Sandford, used to say was so call'd from a Roman General's getting a Battle there, the General's Name being Bassus, w^{ch} I could not chose but laugh at.

M^{r}. Powell told me that M^{r}. Yatman of Worcestershire, who is sometimes at Sandford, is a Man that reads much in the old Poëts, but that he knows nothing of our Antiquities.

Jan. 19 (Sun.). The Reverend D^{r}. Charles Trumbull, Brother to Sir

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Jan. 16, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. H. to Lord Harley (Diaries, 102. 15). Thanks for fragment of Memorial Chronicle, which he has now returned. Thanks also for offering the loan of Gill's Logonomia Anglica: has just bought a copy, so will not need it.

Jan. 16, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 141). Sends names of subscribers he has obtained for Robert of Gloucester. 'I believe You do right in printing only the 2^{d} part of Brunne's Chronicle.' Wishes H. all manner of happiness.

Jan. 16, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 19). Sends Gill's Logonomia by Mr. Fanshaw, student of Christ Church. Restall's Chronicle, embellished with cuts, and weil preserved, is in the Harleian Library.

Jan. 18, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 143). Received Catalogue, with last letter, in time, but the Almanacs sent with the former letter were dropped on the road, and much damaged. The bookseller will not abate anything of 30*s*. for the Life of Alexander the Great: if H. thinks it worth the money, will buy it. Encloses two subscriptions for Robert of Gloucester.

William Trumbull, formerly Secretary of State, died some days agoe at the House of Major Austin, his Son-in-Law, in Suffolk. He had been formerly of Xt Church, afterwards Fellow of All-Souls Coll., Chaplain to Archbishop Sancroft, and Rector of Sylstead in Essex and Hadley in Suffolk, but quitted those Livings at the Revolution, and was one of the oldest Nonjurors.

Tho. Min, ye Joyner, told me this Afternoon that the Architect of Salisbury Cathedral was most certainly a Man of wonderful Skill, notwithstanding the Place it is built in be, as to the Ground, very odd.

Jan. 20 (Mon.). Mr. Rance, Senior, of Holywell, Oxon., hath got an old Qto Bible in English, printed in the latter End of Q. Elizabeth's Reign, in wch are many Things written by a Brother of the Earl of Leycester's, to whom it belong'd, he being a Divine & Parson of Penshurst, and Grandfather to Mrs. Rance that died lately, Wife of the said Mr. Rance.

Jan. 21 (Tu.). The word *marry*, for an asseveration or assertion, used very commonly, as, *I, marry, Sir*, or *ah, marry, Sir*, is nothing but *Marie*, or an Invocation of the Virgin Marie, & so 'tis writ in an old passage that I have published from Lidgate in my Glossary to Rob. of Glouc., voc. *clarke*.

I was told yesterday that one Robins, who lodges in St. Gyles's, Oxon., hath a good Collection of Prints, consisting of Scripture and prophane History, that he is a young Man, ingenious and modest, and that he is often at Peyrton's, against the Ashm. Muséum.

Jan. 22 (Wed.). Mr. Francis Gwyn, Fellow of All Souls Coll., told me last Night that his Father bought the Chartulary or Leiger Book of Ford Abbey very accidentally.

When Borstal House was a Garrison for the King, at the time it was surrendered to the Parliament Forces, all happened to go out according to Articles, excepting one Person, who, being asleep in a Chair in a little upper Room, knew nothing of the matter, but awaking as the Enemy came up, & being not apprised that the Place was so surrendered, and thinking that the Enemy was got in by force, or else by some treachery, he takes up his Halberd, & knocks 15 or 16 down, so that they were kill'd, which makes the Enemy fall back, & the King's Forces, that were march'd out, understanding the Matter, return again thereupon, & take possession again of the Place, the Parliament Forces all the time thinking that there had been Treachery, & that it was a Stratagem only to destroy them. This Story I had to-day from Mr. Thomas Myn, the Joyner. And he had it from his Grandfather.

Jan. 23 (Th.). Yesterday died, at his House in Oxford, Dr. John Ludwell, a Physician of good Note. He was of Wadham College formerly, of wch House he took the Degree of M.A., March 10, 1667, that of B.M., June 22, 1672, & that of D.M., July 4, 1676. He hath left behind him only one Child, a Son, commonly called young Dr. Ludwell, who a few Years ago took the degree of M.A. in St. Mary-Hall, but proving a hard drinker, he is very much in debt, for discharging wch there is a very good Fortune come to him by the Death of his Father, some say two Thousand Pounds in Money, and sevenscore Pounds per an. Estate,

left him by his Mother, the Dr.'s first Wife, wch this young Ludwell's Father could not hinder him of, tho' he was to enjoy it for Life, and yet had he been able to have done it, 'tis probable the Son might have been robb'd of it, the Dr. marrying in his old Age a 2d Wife, a young Widow, who prov'd a perfect Shrew to this young Ludwell, & not so much as enduring the Sight of him. She is Sister to Dr. George Carter, Provost of Oriel College, and as ugly [1].

Jan. 24 (Fri.). Mr. Tho. Kimber of Holywell hath abundance of old Writings, some of which relate to Holywell, and to old Huckle, to whom that Estate formerly belong'd. This Huckle was a Butcher of Cowley, &, upon the Dissolution, bought Cowley, Holywell, Wotton, near Abbington, and many other Estates, for three hundred and twenty Pounds, wch are now worth twenty Thousand Pounds per an.

From young Mr. Ives, who gave it me, Jan. 24, 1723:—

[2] In Spersholt Church in Berks.

An Image upon a wooden tomb, with the head supported with a peice of wood, in shape of a barber's wig block, in Iron apparell, his hands clapt togather, a l[. . ?] under his left breast, an Eagle on his belly, and a lyon att his feet; this tomb was moved from about the midle of the Isle, 6 years since, the north side of the church, and stands now on the right hand side of the Isle.

Another Image in the same Isle supposed to be the lady of Sr George Hyde, Daughter of Sr Humphrey Ferrers. Note, their is eleven small Images engraven on one side of the tomb, the head supported by two Images, Her hands clapt, 2 dogs att the feet, drapary like the founder of All S., a moffle over the chin.

Another in the same Isle, a dog at the feet, same supporters.

In the Chancell a stone Image, his leggs crosed, att his feet an Image like a dog, a sword and armer, a pair of spurrs on, and a small Image each side his head.

Jan. 25 (Sat.). Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls Coll., being a perfect Epicurean, minding nothing but eating & drinking, and heaping up Money, and doing Mischief, hath got a new way of stuffing a leg of Mutton roasted. He had lately one stuffed by his own order with White Herrings out of the Pickle.

Jan. 26 (Sun.). Mist's Journal, Sat., Jan. 24, 1724:—

On Monday Night, about 9 of the Clock, died William Lownds, Sen., Esq., Coadjutor Secretary with Horatio Walpole, Esq., to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and Member of Parliamt for the Borough of Eastlow in Cornwall, a Gentleman well known for his Abilities in parliamentary Affairs.

On Wednesday se'nnight died Sir George Wheeler, D.D., Prebendary of Durham, and Rector of Houghton.

This Worthy Gent. was first a Commoner, afterwards Gent. Com. of Lincoln Coll., under the Tuition of Mr., afterwards the famous Dr., George Hickes. Then he travelled beyond Sea, &, upon his Return, presented the Univ. of Oxon. with several valuable Remains of Antiquity,

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[1] He was buried on Saturday Night, Jan. 25, in St. Marie's. NB. What is before said about the Dr.'s having only two Wives is a Mistake. He had three, viz. Mrs. Heywood (Sister to old Heywood of Holywell), Mrs. Bower (by whom he had his Son beforementioned), & Dr. Carter's Sister.

[2] [On an inserted leaf.]

for w^{ch} they created him Master of Arts on March 26, 1683. He hath published a folio Book of his Travels, w^{ch} Book is in good Esteem.

Jan. 27 (Mon.). M^{r}. Tho. Mynne, the Joyner, when he was at Salisbury, took the Opportunity of visiting old Salisbury, or Serbiodunum (where are strange Ruins), and Stonehenge, the Stones for building of w^{ch} were dug up and brought fifteen Miles from it. He told me the biggest Stone at Stonehenge was 25 tun weight.

Jan. 28 (Tu.). One Stephen Fletcher of Oxon. hath bought the late M^{r}. Strong of Balliol College's Books, most of w^{ch} are Mathematical and Philosophical. The Number of them is as follows:—

Fol. . . .	165
Q^{to} . . .	257
8vo, &c. . .	413
	835

Yesterday M^{r}. Richard Johnson Mancipal of Edm. Hall's Child was baptized, and named Rich^{d}.

The inserted Letter is an original, given me this day by my Friend, M^{r}. Dyer of Oriel-Coll. He had it from D^{r}. Woodward of that Coll. (who lives in New In Hall Lane), to whom it was written by the impudent, illiterate Author, I mean that Coxcomb, Bowles, who pretended to have had a large Piece of Venison, I think a side, given him by some *noble* Friend, and thereupon he invited D^{r}. Woodward, as the Letter shews, and falsly told him that he should have the Company of the rest of the Fellows of that College to meet him at his Chamber. I say *falsly*, because it plainly appear'd that the whole was a down right Fiction, he having had no Venison presented by Friend or other, but the Cook of the College at that time having bought some, & this shameless Fellow, happening to see it, immediately writ this Letter to D^{r}. Woodward, who return'd Answer that he could not come, well knowing Bowles's rascally Tricks, and thereupon no one else was spoke to, but Bowles battel'd a piece of the Cook's Venison, & dined upon it in the Hall. At w^{ch} time some of the Fellows bespoke the Haunch to dine privately at the Dean's Chamber, who happened to be lame. Bowles would have been of the Company, but they wisely shunn'd him.

[1] S^{r}!

Having just now receiv'd a Piece of Good Venison from a certain Noble[2] Friend, I can do no less than ask the Favour of You to taste it to-morrow, at

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Jan. 28, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 102. 31). Received Gill's Logonomia on Thursday last: returned it to-day by Godfrey. 'I find my L^{d}'s Book belong'd once to Benj. Johnson (who himself was Author of an English Grammar), and that it is corrected throughout with red Ink (I know not whether by Johnson or Gill), all w^{ch} Corrections are printed in the 2^{d} Ed. of this Book in 1621, 4°, of w^{ch} Ed. I lately purchas'd a Copy.' Thanks for notice of Rastall's Chronicle.

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[1] [This letter is on an inserted sheet of paper.]
[2] [The word 'Noble' is underlined, probably by Hearne.]

one o' Clock, in my own Chamber, where You will be wellcome, as to others of our acquaintance, so especially to,

Good Sr!

Your most obliged Friend, and most humble Servant,

Jo. Bowles.

Oriel, Aug. 5, 1723.
h. h. p. 6 in the Even.

[*Addressed*:] To Doctor Woodward humbly present This.

Jan. 29 (Wed.). Mr. Josias How, late Fellow of Trin. Coll., Oxon., a famous Cavalier, and a very honest Man, who printed a Sermon that I have in red Letters, was born at Lower Winchenden in Bucks., as Mr. Dyer told me Yesterday. He sold his books, when old, some time before he dyed, being apprehensive yt after his Death they would go for little, it being usual to give but small Prices for Scholars' Books when they are dead, tho' the Tools of other Trades generally bring a good Sum.

I am told there is now a fine Grotto where the Chancel was of the Church of Blyth Abbey in Nottinghamshire.

Jan. 30 (Th.). Yesterday Morning was a Convocation, in wch Mr. Pocock the Fruiterer's discommuning was taken off, wch had been inflicted upon him for his lewd, unnatural Crimes, of wch he had been found guilty. As the same was done by Convocation, so they disannull'd it, the Proctor, Mr. Street, assuring them that Pocock was a sincere Penitent. But this I think not sufficient. Pocock should have made publick Acknowledgment, since 'twas so clearly prov'd against him yt he was guilty.

Jan. 31 (Fri.). On Wedn. last I was several Hours with Wm Bromley, Junior, Esq. (Son of the Honble Wm Bromley, Esq., Member of Parliament for the Univ. of Oxford), who is newly return'd from his travells in Italy and France, & was lately Gent. Com. of Christ Ch. He told me he spent a great many days in looking over the Duke of Florence's Coyns, which is a vast stock, contained in two Volumes in folio, printed in Italian. He had access to all the Cabinets.

Last Saturday (it being then & now a very great Floud, the Rains having been prodigious) was drowned at the Folly Bridge, or Water Works, commonly called Fryer Bacon's Study, at the End of South Street, Oxon., a fine Boy, Son of the Master of the Water Works[1], about 7 or 8 years old, falling into the Water as he was walking over a Plank that was laid there, and is not yet found. It is remarkable that this little boy's

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Jan. 30, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. H. to Dr. E[dward] Bayly (Diaries, 102. 37). Expected to have seen E. B.'s account of the Inscription at Chichester printed before this. 'But instead of that, I see there is an account, written by another hand, in the Transactions. The Author, I believe, had seen your Notes, tho' your Name be not mentioned. . . . I hope what he hath done will not supersede your Design.'

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[1] One Stacy.

Grandfather, whose Daughter is his Mother, was some Years agoe crush'd to pieces by a Wheel at the foresaid Water Works.

Feb. 1 (Sat.). The 30th inst., being the Martyrdome of K. Charles I, Dr. Heywood of St. John's Coll. preached before the Univ. at St. Marie's, and, I am told, made a good Sermon. But then that at Cairfax was a most horrid one, before the Mayor, &c., being preached by that Blockhead, Dr. John Brabourne, Principal of New Inn Hall. I hear he defended the Murther of this blessed King, & the vile Principles of those that did it. They say also that some are living that heard him preach this very same Sermon 30 Years agoe. The Mayor is much blam'd for putting him up.

Feb. 2 (Sun.). Mr. West of Balliol Coll. hath had bought for him in London, in an Auction, *Pitseus de Scriptoribus*, for two Pounds two shillings and six Pence, which is one Pound one Shilling (or rather, 2s.) & six Pence too dear.

On Friday Night last was buried in St. Aldate's Church, Oxon., Mr. Richard Brooks, formerly Student of Xt Church, and afterwards a common Lawyer. He died of a Consumption & yellow Jaundice, either that day or the day before, at his Father's House in that Parish. His Father is an old, rich, covetous Atturney, a cross Fellow, & was so odd to his Son that he would have had him buried when he was hardly dead. This Mr. Richd Brooks took the Degree of M.A. on May 27, 1706. He hath a Sister, Mrs. Catharine Brooks (usually called Ketty Brooks, formerly a pritty Girl), that is married to Dr. Smallbrooke, now Bishop of St. David's.

[Note about Christmas, printed in the Glossary to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 678, omitted.]

In Littlemore Common, near Oxford, is a Well call'd Cholewell; I think it should be Chilwell, being of a very cold, chilly nature, tho' otherwise a very good water. It will in a little time incrustate Wood thrown into it. One old Blay, a Man of 88 Years of Age, died by drinking of it, being in hot weather, and otherwise indispos'd. This old Blay's daughter now lives in St. Ebb's Parish, Oxford. She was born, Jan. 12th, 1645, and is now a hearty Woman, of a strong Memory.

Feb. 3 (Mon.). 'The Scots highlanders call their Pladds *Brœchams*, And Brech in that language signifies spotted, as their plaids are of many Collours. That the Brachæ of the old Gauls were not britches, I presume from Suetonius, who says, in vitâ Cæs., *Iidem in Curia Galli braccas deposuerunt, et latum-Clavum sumpserunt*, p. 107, Qto Edit. Casaub.' So my late Friend, Mr. John Urry, in a loose bit of Paper I found in Phil. Holland's Camden, yt I bought out of Mr. Urry's Study [1].

Feb. 4 (Tu.). Yesterday I bought Spon's *Miscellanea eruditæ Antiquitatis* of Mr. Wilmot, out of Dr. Charlett's Study, for thirty Shillings. At the same time I bought of him, out of ye same Study, Apian's Inscriptions, with Aulus Gellius of the Ed. 1526, *in officina Michaelis Vascosani*, for a Guinea, or 21 shillings. I never saw but one Copy of

[1] [The paper referred to is inserted after the Index.]

Apian before, viz. that in Selden's Library. I also bought at the same time, out of the same Study, *Thesaurus Theutonicæ linguæ, Antv., ex officina Xtoph. Plantini*, 1573, fol., for 2s. 6d., wch is wonderfully cheap, being worth a Guinea, as is also Apian, wch is worth three Guineas at least.

This Morning, about ten Clock, died Mr. Harrison, commonly called Dr. Harrison, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon. He was a Man of a very good Character, and was well skill'd in his Business, being an Apothecary. He was honest, good natur'd, sensible, and facetious, & very well belov'd. He was about sixty six Years of Age. He had the Gout many Years, & this was ye Distemper that kill'd him, tho' he might have held out many Years longer, had not he some time agoe receiv'd a fall, in the time of Night, when 'twas dark, in Edmund Hall-Quadrangle, where there happened to be a deep hole. His Wife died several Years agoe, as also did one of his Daughters, & he hath left behind him one only Child, a Daughter, that is supposed to be married to Mr. Waseney Grove, M.A. & Student of Xt Church[1], who is a good natur'd Man, and hath layn at Mr. Harrison's House many Years[2].

Feb. 5 (Wed.). I heard Mr. Dyer, Fellow of Oriel Coll., say last Night that he hath voted as Fellow of that College in Elections there from the Year 1675, &. that he never knew the Provost give a Vote formerly.

Mr. Strype, who hath published many large Books, as Memoirs of Archbp Cranmer, Archbp Parker's Life, &c., was born in 1643, & is still living.

This Morning, about half an hour after six of the Clock, died Mr. Thomas Myn, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., Joyner. He is the same Man that is mentioned by me several times lately. He was born Nov. 5th, 1666[3], and died therefore in the 58th Year of his Age[4]. He was a most ingenious Man. Indeed, I believe he had as good a head for his Business as any Man in England. He had also some Learning & Knowledge in Antiquities. He hath had a Diabetes several Years. He walk'd about to the last, being out on Monday Morning last, tho' he was forced to be carried home. He had also the Palsy, so that the use of his right Arm was quite taken away, wch he told me was chiefly occasioned by a fall one evening, as he was coming down a Stair Case at Queen's College, at wch time happening to stumble, he hung by his Arm, wch was put out, & never well set, nor had he afterwards hardly any Use of it. He told me very lately that the present Provost of Queen's Coll. (Dr. John Gibson) sent him once to London, chiefly to see a Scrutore, or Cabinet, made by Dr. Edmund Gibson (then Bp of Lincoln, now Bp of London) his own Contrivance, the Provost looking upon it as a wonderfull & most ingenious

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[1] They are married.

[2] He was buried in St. Mary's Church on Thursday, at four Clock afternoon, Febr. 6, where his Wife and Son & a Daughter were buried several Years since. He was 63 Years of Age.

[3] See Vol. 99, under Dec. 31 [above, p. 151].

[4] Yet 'tis put on his Tomb Stone, aged 59. This was cut on May 22, Saturd., 1725.

Piece of Work. When Mr. Myn saw it, he said nothing, but afterwards declared his Mind about it as being a very poor Thing, wch neither pleased the Bp nor Provost. Mr. Myn told me plainly there was nothing in it, but that it was a poor, inartificial Thing. Mr. Myn died in his Chair very easily & quietly, without a Groan, having several times desired that, if it pleased God, he might go off, he cared not how soon, by one easy turn, without pain [1].

Last Monday Dr. Hunt Master of Balliol College's Son, being half Christened before, was baptized in Magdalen Parish Church. Gossips were the Duke of Buckingham, the Marquis of Carnarvon, and the Countess of Arran, all by Proxies. The Duke's Proxie was the Lord Boyle (a young Nobleman of Xt Church, son to my Ld Orrery), the Marquiss's Mr. Lee of Corpus Xti Coll., & the Countesse's old Madam Rowney.

Feb. 6 (Th.). Philemon Holland, M.D. of Trinity Coll. in Cambridge, practis'd Physick in good repute many Years at Coventry, where he died in the year 1636, aged 85 Years, and was buried in the Choir of the great Church there. He was a most eminent Translator of Books, as is well known, several of wch were very difficult, & plainly discovered his great Skill. One of these Books was Plutarch's Morals, wch, tho' it consisted of above a Ream of Paper of Philemon's Writing, yet it was translated & writ by him with one only Pen, which was so very remarkable a Thing that his learned Son, Henry Holland (Author of that curious Book call'd *Herωlogia Anglica*), writ the following Distick upon the said Pen [2]:—

> This Booke I wrote with *one* poor Pen, made of a grey Goose quill:
> A Pen I found it us'd before, A Pen I leave it still.

Which Pen afterwards was begged by an auncient Gentlewoman (Mother to a noble Countess), who garnished it in silver, and kept it as a Monument.

Mr. Davenant, late of Oriel College, made an Abstract of all the Writings in that College Treasury, & digested them in order. His Book is of great Service to the College, as I was told on Tuesday Night last by Mr. Dyer and Mr. Brooke, Fellows of the College. Mr. Brooke also said Mr. Davenant made a List, at least had one, of the Writings, Muniments, & Records in the University School Tower. Indeed, I have often heard say this Mr. Davenant was a good Antiquary, as well as Classical Scholar, and that he understood our University Statutes well. He was well acquainted with the late Dr. Timothy Halton, Provost of Queen's Coll., who was a good Governour, & was known to understand our Statutes very well. I knew Mr. Davenant, & have been in his Company. He was a facetious, witty, Satyrical Man, & would talk of old History, such as Josephus, &c., but I never heard him talk much of our

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[1] He was buried, at five Clock in the Afternoon, in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, on Saturd., Febr. 8.

[2] See at the Beginning of Dr. Phil. Holland's Translation of Xenophon's Cyrupædia, ¶¶ 3.

English History & Antiquities. Tim. Halton was a great Hunter, & so was this Davenant, & they used to hunt together.

There are several Places in England call'd Slapton, quasi *slabby town.* So I am told by a Gentleman, that knows one of them to be a very dirty place.

Feb. 7 (Fri.). In Cat Street, Oxon., lives one M^r^. Roger Parncot, a Taylor, a Man of about 93 Years of Age, as I am told, tho' I never ask'd his Age, notwithstanding I have several times talk'd with him. He is a Man that hath read much History, & is particularly vers'd in Josephus's Hist. of the Jews and Knowles's History of the Turks. He seldom stirs out now, but formerly his Company was much coveted, & being Taylour at Brazen Nose College, many of that Society would often send for him on purpose to have his Conversation, & would be so delighted with him as sometimes to keep him most part of the night, if not all night, being mightily pleased with his Stories.

Feb. 8 (Sat.). M^r^. Horrox, a young Man, Minister of Hool, a very poor Pittance, within four Miles of Preston in Lancashire, was a prodigy for his Skill in Astronomy, &, had he lived, in all probability he would have proved the greatest Man in the whole World in his profession. He had a very strange, unaccountable Genius, & he is mentioned with great honour by Hevelius, upon account of his Discovery of Venus in the Sun, upon a Sunday, but being called away to his Devotions and Duty at Church, he could not make such Observations as otherwise he would have done. He died very young, I think at about 23 or 24 Years of Age. His posthumous Works were printed by D^r^. Wallis. They are now scarce. M^r^. Whiteside of the Museum bought them several Years agoe, but gave 7s. 6d. for them.

M^r^. Best of Balliol Coll. bought out of D^r^. Charlett's Study the Tryal of Archb^p^ Laud, & his Chancellourship, in two Vols., fol., done by Hen. Wharton, for a Guinea, as M^r^. West of that College told me Yesterday.

Feb. 9 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal, of Febr. 8, 1724:—

On Saturday last D^r^. Egerton, Bishop of Hereford, and D^r^. Smallbroke, Bishop of S^t^. David's, were both confirmed in Bow Church in the usual Manner.

The Reverend D^r^. Tanner, Chancellor of the Cathedral Church at Norwich, is made Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, in the Room of the Right Reverend D^r^. Egerton, now Lord Bishop of Hereford.

Yesterday died D^r^. Rich^d^ Adams, Rector of Stanlake, near Oxford, and late Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon. He was Brother to D^r^. Fitz Herb. Adams, late Rector of Linc. Coll. This D^r^. Rich. Adams (who was a very weak, shallow Man) took the degree of M.A., June 27, 1684, that of B.D., Feb. 4, 1695, and that of D.D., July 1, 1708.

Feb. 9, [172$\frac{3}{4}$]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 112). [An extract from this letter is printed in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, p. xix.] Note on Daniel Langhorn. [See Diary, April 1.] Has not heard from Dr. Tanner: possibly he has gone to take possession of his canonry at Oxford. Wishes H. joy of so good a neighbour.

Feb. 10 (Mon.). Praying for the dead is most certainly a very ancient and primitive Custom, as appears from the Fathers. Our best English Divines also are for it, and many use it privately, tho' not publickly. Dr. Isaac Barrow and Mr. Thorndyke were mightily for it. It is justifyed from 2 Maccabees, xii. 44: *For if he* (Judas Maccabæus) *had not hoped that they that were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.* And in Matt. xi.[1] 32 we have: *And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the* world *to come.* This shews some Sins of an inferiour nature are forgiven in the world to come.

Feb. 11 (Tu.). On Sunday, the 2d instant, Mr. Clement of Sandford near Oxford's Maid coming out of Sandford Church, at Evening Prayers, just at the Porch the Floor of the Church gave way, & she sunk a little. On Friday last they dug there, & found a very fine Image of Barrington Stone, by Burford. The Figure part of this Image lay downwards, & the back or blank part upwards, so that, being not covered with any Thing else, this plain Part is much worn in by People's continually trampling upon it. I walk'd over yesterday, with Mr. West of Balliol College, on purpose to see this Antiquity. It is now in the Chancell of the Church, & they design to-day to fix it in the North Wall of the Chancell. It is fine & old. I take it to be of Edw. IIId's time, & that the Virgin Mary is really the Effigies of Q. Philippa, Edward IIId's Queen. This was usual for the Artists to have Queens in their View, when they design'd to represent the V. Mary. Her dress is pretty. There are three Angels on one side of her, & three on the other, & 2 on their Knees at her Feet, with a holy water Pot. Mr. Powell thinks, & so do others, that it stood in Sandford Church, & was buried in Edw. VI's time, when Images, &c., were ordered to be pull'd down. It might have been also in Q. Eliz.'s time, when the like Mischief happened. But I rather believe that this Image did not originally belong to this Church, but either to the Chappel by the great Ivy House at Sandford, or else to the Minchery at Littlemore, and that in Hen. VIIIth's time, when such a destruction of Religious Houses were made, it was removed hither as to the more safe Place, since Parochial Churches were not ordered to be destroyed or pulled down. I rather incline to the Chappell by the Ivy House, & now think that Chappell was not dedicated to St. Nicholas, but to the Virgin Mary, & that when St. Nicholas is mentioned in old writings, it is to be understood of the Church or Chappell at the Minchery, contrary to what I thought formerly in my Ed. of Leland's Itinerary. Yet still all Things are obscure.

Mr. Powell told me yesterday that Sandford Church is dedicated to St. Andrew. He told me he thought Sandford Church older than the Conquest. This he told me some time ago. I said no; stone Building was not common before the Conquest. Yet 'tis certainly a very old little Church. I have published an Inscription in the iid Vol. of Leland's Itin. out of the Chancell of Sandford Church. There is also in the

[1] [Mistake for 'xii.']

Chancell of Sandford Church a black Marble lying on the Ground, with this Inscription in Capital Letters :—

H. S. E.
ANNA BETHAM, vidua
Richardi Betham, filia
Edmundi Powell, armigeri,
Hujus Manerij quondam Domini.
Obijt 28° die Feb., Anno Domini 1692,
Annoque ætatis 86.
C. A. P. D.

Also another black Marble, with this Inscription in Capitals :—

H. S. E.
Johannes Powell, Armiger,
Qui obijt 19^no^ die Septembris,
Anno Domini 1678.

There is likewise in the Chancell a Stone over the Grave of Mary Hunt, with this Inscription in Capitals :—

HERE
LIETH Y^E^
BODY OF MARY
HUNT, WHO DIED
APRIL THE 10^th^, 1683,
AGED 98 YEARS, 6
MUNTHS, & 15
DAYES.

This Mary Hunt used to tell many pretty old Stories. She was a Romanist, & died so. The mention of the Years, Months, & days is agreeable to Roman Inscriptions of the most ancient Date.

Memorandum that this day I gave M^r^. Major, Keeper of the University Schools, who lives in Holywell Parish, half a Guinea towards the Repair of the Roof of Holywell Church, which is now in a very bad condition. It is supposed it will come to four score Pounds[1].

Feb. 12 (Wed.). As the old Britains were a Religious People, so also they were very loyal, and used to adhere firmly to their Princes. This the Romans knew very well, and therefore it was their Interest, after Claudius had gained Britain, to make them have a good opinion of the Roman Emperour, and of such as were to succeed him. This they endeavoured to do by representing him as a Prince mightily in Favour with the Gods, & that he would be deified upon his death. Hence the DOMVS DIVINA in the Chichester Inscription. Tho' DOMVS AVGVSTA be look'd upon as the same in signification, yet the word DIVINA was more proper upon account of the use it was to be of to the Britains. This Expression took place after Julius Cæsar's Apotheosis. It is of something a more sublime signification than AVGVSTA, as shewing that Claudius was not only of the Imperial, but divine Family. And were not the Roman an Elective Monarchy, I should think it were to be restrain'd to those of the right Line, such as Robert of Gloucester calls *of the kund.*

[1] He afterw^ds^ return'd it me.

Feb. 13 (Th.). [Long note on the Chichester Inscription omitted.]

So the words are Englished by Dr. Philemon Holland, whose Translation is to be regarded, partly because the second Edition of it was revised & approved of, longe before it went to the Press, by Mr. Camden himself, and partly because Dr. Holland had a most admirable Knack in translating Books, as appears from many Instances, several of the most obscure Books being translated by him, one of wch was Plutarch's Morals [1], which tho' it consisted of above a Ream of Paper of Philemon's Writing, yet it was translated & writ by him with one only Pen, wch was so very remarkable and wonderfull a Thing that it occasion'd his learned Son, Henry Holland (Author of that curious and rare Book, called *Herωlogia Anglica*), to write the following Distick upon the said Pen [2]:—

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A Pen I found it us'd before, A Pen I leave it still.

This Pen was afterwards begged by an ancient Gentlewoman (Mother to a noble Countess), who garnished it in silver, and kept it as a Monument.

Dr. Richard Adams died in Oxford, and was carried out of Town, & buried in his Parsonage Church of Stanlake, on Tuesday, Feb. 11. He died of a little swelling in his Throat, so that he could swallow nothing, & was so starv'd to death.

Feb. 14 (Fri.). Alexander Gill, D.D., was Son of the famous & truly learned Mr. Alexander Gill that writ the *Logonomia Anglica*. They were both head Masters of St. Paul's School. The latter was an excellent Poët. I have his Book (given me by Tho. Rawlinson, Esq.), intit., Πάρεργα, *sive Poetici Conatus Alexandri ab Alexandro Gill Londinensis*, &c.; Lond., 1632, 8vo. In wch Book, among other Things, are verses upon the Death of Sir William Stonehouse, of Rodley in Berks., Baronett, who died Feb. 5, 1631. There are also 3 Copies of Verses in Praise of Sir John Stonehouse, Kt & Bart, Son of the foresaid Sir Wm Stonehouse. This Sir John died soon after this Book came out, viz. June 14, 1632, æt. 31, being unmarried, tho' a most comely Gent., & of great Understanding, upon wch account he was of the privy Chamber to K. Ch. I, who much valued him. The Epitaph in Latin, wch is long, upon both these Gentlemen, Father and Son, in Radley Church, was made by this Gill, as appears from these words at the Bottom, *Alex. Gill flevit.* It is in one of these Volumes. It is also printed in the Antiquities of Berks., p. 138. Gill hath writ the Place Rodley always in his Book, & so 'tis writ in old Maps & Books, and 'tis the true way, the Road formerly going along here, & there was a Bridge over the River.

Yesterday died Mr. Shaw, Fellow of Magd. Coll., of a ling'ring Distemper, occasion'd by excessive Drinking [3].

Feb. 15 (Sat.). The Persians look'd upon their Princes as Friends of

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Feb. 15, 172¾. R. **Graves to H.** (Rawl. 6. 144). Received letter of

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[1] See above, pag. 59 [under Feb. 6].

[2] See at the Beginning of Dr. Philemon Holland's Translation of Xenophon's Cyrupædia, ¶¶ 3.

[3] He was buried in ye Coll. Chapell, Saturd., at 4 Clock Afternoon, Febr. 15.

the Stars, and Bretheren of the Sun and Moon. Hence Sapor, in his Letter to Constantius the Emperour, styl'd himself thus: REX REGUM SAPOR, *particeps Syderum, frater Solis & Lunæ, Constantio Cæsari, fratri meo, salutem.* E fragmento quodam impresso Commentationum Apocalypticarum mihi dato à V. Amiciss., Tho. Rawlinsono, arm.

Yesterday came to Oxford Dr. Thomas Tanner, the new Canon of Xt Church.

This Morning died one Mrs. Hawkins, Wife of one Hawkins, a Taylour by Trade, but now an Ale Seller at Redcock Hall in High Street. She died by an illness she catch'd after Childbirth. She was Daughter to one Mr. Cross, a Taylour in Catstreet, Oxon., whose Son died two or three Years agoe, these two being his only Children, and both by his first Wife.

Feb. 16 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Thomas Tanner was installed Canon of Xt Church, in room of Dr. Egerton, Bp of Hereford, who hath resign'd. The said Dr. Egerton was a noble Man of New-Coll. He is young, and hath no Learning. As for Dr. Tanner, he owes this Preferment to the spurious Ed. of Ant. à Wood's Athenæ Oxon. Had he acted honestly and fairly, & given us the iiid Vol. of Anthony's Book, just as Anthony left it (as he should have done), he would not have been prefer'd in this Manner. He hath had two Wives, but both are dead. He hath one Child, a Son about six years old, by his second. His first Wife was one of the Daughters of Dr. More, late Bp of Norwich. She was a great Brandy drinker, & that kill'd her.

Feb. 17 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal, Febr. 15, Sat., 1724:—

On Tuesday Morning died in Newgate the famous Mrs. Sally Salisbury, and the same Evening the Coroner's Inquest, consisting of creditable Housekeepers in the Neighbourhood, sate upon the Body (as is always done when any dies in the Goal), and brought in their Verdict, That she died of a *Fever*, having been ill of a Consumption of a long Time, which for several Days preceeding her Death was attended with a violent Fever, and had almost reduced her to a meer Skeleton.

(This is that most beautifull [woman] that captivated so many fine Gentlemen. She hath been mentioned formerly.)

They write from Cambridge that the Workmen, in digging a Foundation for the new Building designed for King's-College there, found near 100 Broad Pieces of Gold, supposed to be the Coin of King Henry the VI, Founder of the said College.

A saying among many Hartfordshire people:—

Tring, Wing, and Ivingho,
These three Towns are all in a row,
But when they were built, no man does know.

Jan. 24, with Almanac. [See extract from this letter, Diary, Feb. 18.] 'I recd this last Post a Letter from my Relation, Dr. Samuel Knight, who sends me word he is just upon publishing his Life of Dean Colet, and that he lately mett with your Picture among some of his Friends, which, he saies, is very like you, and, as I understand from his Letter, was a Print taken from a Painting, which I was not a little pleas'd to hear of, and hope to gett one to furnish my Room with.' Kind love and service.

Feb. 18 (Tu.). My Friend, Richard Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, Esq., writes me the following Particulars concerning Malvern, occasioned by a Letter I writ to him, in wch I mentioned that I had been informed that the Priory of Malvern Minor was now the Seat of Thomas Savage, Esq., and that he hath abundance of old Writings relating to it:—

As to the Priory of Malvern Minor, (unless he may have some small Concern there) I am satisfied Mr. Savage has no Seat there; but the Chief Seat that he and his Ancestors have resided at for above these 200 Years, is Elmeley Castle, on the left hand of the Road from Evesham to Pershore, about 3 Miles distant from each, and, I think, about 8 or 9 from Malvern. However, he is the owner of Malvern Major, which was a Cell to Westminster Abbey, and came to the Family by the Marriage of William Savage, Esq. (Father to Sr John Savage, Knt), with Anne, one of the 5 Daughters and coheirs of John Knotesford, Esq., Ld of the Scite of this Priory, who dyed 23 Nov., 1589. I have some small Acquaintance both with him and the Chaplain to his Lady, the Countess of Coventry, who was Dowager to the first Earl of Coventry, of the Name of Coventry, but despair of seeing either of them before Summer, the Roads thro' the Vale being now so very bad; but if I should have any Opportunity before of informing my self, I will certainly acquaint you; and in the meantime can acquaint you (if you have not already heard of it) that Mr. Thomas is now printing of a Chartulary of the Priory of Great Malvern; it will be in 8vo, and make, as I think he told me, about 20 Sheets.

His Letter is dated from Mickleton, Saturday, 15th of February, 1723, 4.

Feb. 19 (Ashwed.). Yesterday I bought of Mr. Wilmot, out of the late Dr. Charlett's Study, the following Books, priced by Wilmot thus:—

Ant. Augustini Numismata, Antv., 1654, fol. . . .	1 . 5 . 0
Jo. Foy Vaillant Numismata in Colonijs, Par., 1695, fol.	1 . 15 . 0
Bellorij illustrium imagines, Romæ, 1685, fol. . .	1 . 11 . 6
Templi Vaticani Historia, per Bonannum, Romæ, 1696, fol.	1 . 17 . 6
Patini Imperator. Romanorum Numismata . . .	1 . 15 . 0
	8 . 4 . 0

He bated one Pound 18s. of the said 8l. 4s., taking for the said Books six Guineas, or six Pounds six shillings.

The Psalmes of David in Meeter, with the Act of Parliament for keeping the vth of November, in Prose & Meeter, by H. D., 1620, 8o.	00 . 00 . 06

Dr. Charlett had the said Book of Mr. Bagford, who us'd to speak of it as a wonderfull Curiosity, particularly upon account of the Act of Parl. in Meeter at the End of it, done on purpose to be sung in Churches, that the Conspiracy might be the better remembered. Mr. Bagford and I had once a great deal of Discourse (for near two hours), as we were walking in the Bodlejan Gallery, about this very Book.

Natural History of Ireland, by Gerard Boate, Lond., 1652, 8o, 00 . 1 . 0

Dr. William Baker, the present unworthy Bp of Bangor, hath just printed a Sermon he preached before the House of Lords last 30th of Jan. They desired him to print it, & they call it an excellent Sermon. 'Tis, on the contrary, most sorry, vile Stuff, pick'd up from News Papers & Tittle Tattle, full of Lyes, abusing the rightfull King & his Friends, & flattering the Usurper. 'Tis void of Divinity & reason. This

Dr. Baker was always look'd upon in Wadham College as an illnatured Man, and they are glad there that they are rid of him.

Feb. 20 (Th.). I am inform'd that Mr. Turkentine [Torkington] Rector of Shottesbrooke in Berks.'s Wife died lately. This Mr. Turkentine, I am told, was of Trin. Coll. in Cambridge, that he is about fifty Years of Age, that he is a great Lover of Women, & that he once belong'd to the Stage. He is not much at his Parsonage, but for the most part in London.

Feb. 21 (Fri.). Being last Night in Company of Mr. Whiteside, Keeper of Mus. Ashm., & of Mr. Rawlins, Dr. Charlett's Administrator, I heard Mr. Whiteside say Mr. Wilmot sold Bale's Dictionary in Engl., that belong'd to Dr. Charlett, for six Guineas, tho' he (Mr. Whiteside) would have given him 7 for it, and it had been presented by my Ld Harley to Dr. Charlett. When I heard of this Present, I could not but conclude that it was to please Dr. Charlett a little, & I do therefore believe that Ld Harley, by the Means of Humphr. Wanley, who was at Oxford a little before Dr. Charlett's Death, got many Things of Charlett's before he died, particularly Dr. Pocock's MSS. Papers (wch are not now to be met with, I am told, at the Lodgings among Charlett's other Things), and the best of his Medals & Coyns, those that remain being of little note, excepting a Gold one of Queen Anne, & yet Humphr. Wanley used to say that himself gave Dr. Charlett twenty Pounds' worth of Coyns, whereas the Case & all remaining now was[1] valued by Mr. Whiteside but at twenty Pounds, wch was, too, such an extravagant Price that they will not altogether bring half the Money, insomuch that Mr. Rawlins told Mr. Whiteside last Night that he had sold them a good while since, had not he (Mr. Whiteside) priz'd them too high.

Yesterday died, and the Bells went for her, at 8 Clock in the Evening, Mrs. Dorothy Tyrrell, commonly called Doll Tyrrell, at the House of Mr. Skinner, Recorder of Oxford, standing in St. John Baptist's Parish. This young Woman (a mighty good natured Creature) had the small Pox at the said House, but she was recovered. However, being very full of them, the Remains broke out in Boyls, wch caus'd her Death, just as she was about going to take the Air. She was about 20 Years of Age, & was the second of three Daughters of my Lady Tyrrell, Wife to Dr. Richard Frewin. The other two are living, the Eldest, Mrs. Belinda (commonly called Bel) Tyrrell, much noted in Oxford.

This Afternoon, upon my Return from my Country Walk, I had a great deal of Discourse with old Will. Bremicham, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, now in the 91st Year of his Age, being, as he says, born a little after three Clock in the Morning, in the Year 1632[2]. His Father was a Cavalier, & a Souldier for K. Charles Ist. He says he us'd to supply his Father's Place in the Siege of Oxford, sometimes as Centinel. He says he hath many times seen K. Charles Ist, as he was walking, & that the generality of the Pictures of him represent him too full faced, & with too much beard, he being a thin Man, & of a little picked Beard, & little Whiskers, tho' a strait Man, and of a Majestick Countenance. He

[1] ['was' is struck out, but in blacker ink, as if by a later hand.]
[2] On Valentine's day.

says he serv'd as Centinel in that Part of the Fortifications where Buddard's Garden (as they call it), by Wadham College, is now. He says he had a mighty Veneration for that excellent Prince, & that he rec^d several Kindnesses from the King's Souldiers. This old Man was formerly very brisk, & let Horses. He let Horses to King Charles II^d's Men in the Parliament of Oxford, in the latter End of that King's Reign. He says his Wife is four Days older than he is, & that she was born somewhere about Dover. He says that the Tradition used to be y^t Blake's Oak (as we go to Abbington) was so called because Blake was hang'd there upon it (he being a great Parliamentarian Villain) for betraying three Christian Kings. He said this Oak was older than Magdalen Oak, notwithstanding much smaller, both being now in their Decay. He was born in Oxford, & never liv'd out of it, unless it were before he was in Breeches, when he was not two years of Age, that he staid a little while at Norleigh.

Feb. 22 (Sat.). Upon the Top of Heddington Hill, by Oxford, on the left Hand as we go to Heddington, just at the Brow of the Branch of the Roman Way that falls down upon Marston Lane, is an Elm that is commonly call'd and known by the Name of Jo. Pullen's Tree, it having been planted by the Care of the late Mr. Josiah Pullen of Magdalen Hall, who used to Walk to that place every day, sometimes twice a day, if tolerable Weather, from Magdalen Hall and back again in the Space of half an Hour. This Gent. was a great Walker, & some walks he would call a Mug of two Penny, & others a Mug of Three penny, &c., according to the Difference of the Air of each Place.

Feb. 23 (Sun.). Yesterday I bought out of the Study of the late D^r. Charlett, *The Vision of Pierce Plowman, wherevnto is also annexed the Crede of Pierce Plowman, neuer imprinted with the booke before.* I had before two Copies of this very Edition of Pierce Plowman, one given me by M^r. West of Balliol College, the other by M^r. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.sh., but in both of them the Creed, notwithstanding mentioned as annexed in the Title Page, is wanting, being, it may be, laid aside for some that had Copies of a former Edition. This Crede is so great a Rarity that it was formerly lent me by Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., being bound up by it self, and at that time I extracted some Things out of it, w^ch I have made use of in my Ed. of Guil. Neubrigensis, & in my Glossary to Robert of Gloucester, mentioning in both Places that it is a very great Rarity. And in Guil. Neubrigensis I have signify'd that it is a distinct Book (altogether different) from the Book in meeter commonly called *Piers Ploughman*, the Author whereof was Robert Langlande. This Book D^r. Charlett procured out of the Study of the late learned M^r. W^m Fulman, who hath written the following Particulars at the End of the Book :—

The Creed seems to have been written some yeares after the Vision, as appeares by the mention of Wicklef, who appeared not till the end of K. Edward the third, and especially of Walter Brute, who was later. Of Walter Brute, mentioned in the Creed, c. iiii, vide Foxe, Act. Mon., p. 566, Ann. 1391. Bale calls him Britte, p. 503; Pits, Brithus, p. 547. The Prayer and complaint of the Plowman extant in Fox, Act. Mon., p. . . ., seems to be of the same age.

From what I have said in p. 770 of Guil. Neubr., it appears that Piers Ploughman was written in the Year 1409, whence I should conclude y^t

the Creed is older than Pierce Ploughman, and yet after all I have there insinuated that Pierce the Ploughman's Crede was so called, as other Satyrical Books were, in Imitation of the former, so that I still am of opinion & believe that Pierce Ploughman's Vision is the oldest, tho' not so old as Mr. Fulman seems to take it. Toward the Beginning of the Crede are some MSS. Glosses or Explications. It cost me (being priz'd no more) one Shilling and six Pence only, and yet the Book is well worth a Guinea.

It is really very remarkable what is mentioned, Matt. xxvii. 14, viz. that *our saviour answered* (*Pilate*) *to never a word, insomuch that the governour marvelled greatly.* Pilate was not his proper Judge. *Ibid.* v. 59, *And when Joseph had taken the body* (of our Saviour), *he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth*, &c. This an argument for burying in linnen. In v. 5, καὶ ἀπελθὼν ἀπήγξατο, Pricæus interprets it that he went away & threw himself headlong from some steep Place, &, agreeable to Act. i. 18, that his Bowels burst out, as usual in such violent deaths. What is in our com. Transl., Mat. xxvii. 3, *the 30 pieces of Silver*, is in Wickleff's Transl. *pe pritti pans*, & so v. 9. Ib. v. 11, *And Jesus stood before the governour.* 'Tis *domesman* in Wickl. for *governour.* Wickl. has it sometimes *justice.* But 'tis ἡγεμὼν in the Gr. Mat. xxviii. 9, *And they* (the women, viz. Mary Magd. & ye othr Mary) *came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.* Mark i. 6, 'tis said John the Baptist did eat locusts and wild honey. Wickliff hath it, *honŷ soukis & wilde honŷ.*

Feb. 24 (Mon.). I bought out of Dr. Charlett's Study, on Saturd. last, *Ant. Augustini libri duo de emendatione Gratiani, una cum A. Schotti oratione in funere Ant. Augustini;* Par., 1607, 4°. Price 1s., but 'tis worth 5s.

Mr. William Mitchell, a Chandler, gave me lately a Roman Coyn of one of the Gordians. He lives with Mrs. Broadwater of Oxford, is a Man that is ingenious, and loves Antiquities. He had some time ago a Crucifix (that he found in a hamper of Raizins that came from Spain) with Beads hanging to it. He lent it to Mr. Child, the Organist, who borrowed it to shew some body in St. Gyles's, and thereby he lost it.

Feb. 25 (Tu., St. Matthias). Yesterday I bought out of Dr. Charlett's Study the two following Books:—

1. Lazarus Bayfius de re navali. Idem de re vestiaria, & de vasculis. Accedit Antonij Thylesij libellus de coloribus; Bas., 1537, 4°. I gave 3s. for it. It is look'd upon as worth half a Guinea.

2. The History of Wales, by W. Wynne; Lond., 1697, 8vo. I gave 2s. for it. It is judg'd now to be worth six shillings. There is a learned Preface to this Book in Defence of Geffry of Monmouth, wch Preface some have told me was written by Mr. Edw. Lhuyd, but he being characteriz'd in it, I think Mr. Wynne himself was the sole Author.

Feb. 25, [172$\frac{3}{4}$]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 78). Gives Mr. Francke's address. [See extract from this letter, Diary, March 13.] Is confident that Rastall's Chronicle is not in any Cambridge library. Thanks for entering Dr. Tanner as a subscriber. [PS.] 'The Mandamus is not yet come down for restoring the Critic, who is now very busy upon an edition of Lucan, an undertaking rather beneath so great a man, who had given the world an expectation of a much greater work.'

This Morning Mrs. Dorothy Tyrrell was carried out of Oxford in an Herse, to be buried beyond Salisbury.

Feb. 26 (Wed.). Yesterday I bought for a Shilling, out of Dr. Charlett's Study, An Appendix to Dr. Walter Pope's Life of Bp Ward; Lond., 1697, 8vo. The most Part of it is in Defence of Anthony à Wood, in opposition to the Proceedings against him. 'Tis well done. It consists of 37 Pages. With it is bound up, immediately following it, a MS. of 60 Pages, intituled, *Observations on the Law part of the Appendix to the Life of the Right Rd Father in God, Seth, Lord Bishop of Salisbury*, &c. This is wholly written by Dr. Charlett's own hand, and, being poor and weak, I believe the Dr. drew it up, but that the Particulars of Law were given him by old Dr. Bouchier, Mr. Proast, & some others, and that several Passages, too, were gleaned from Discourse at Table.

This MS. Thing, being against Anthony for characterizing a dead Person, and the Penner being for punishing those that shall speak any thing but honourably of the dead, be they never so profligate, fully confirms me that Dr. Charlett was one of the most violent against me, when I was lately prosecuted in the V. Chancellour's Court for writing Truth of the Dead, &c. Charlett himself was mighty Ambitious of fame & honour, & was terribly afraid of being spoke ill of both living and dead. And he had reason to fear this, being a very ill Man, and one that did an inconceivable deal of Mischief in the University. He thought, by appearing zealous for the fame of the Dead, that it would get him Preferment. But 'twould not do.

Yesterday Mr. Wilmot, the Bookseller, told me that John Pointer of Merton Coll. was mightily out with him, and very angry, because he refused to print a Thing of his (Pointer's) Writing, that he lately sent to him for that end, being something about the Coyns found some time since by Ew-elm. Mr. Wilmot told me it was dedicated to Dr. Potter, Bishop of Oxford.

Feb. 27 (Th.). The Maiden Name of old Mrs. Bremicham, mentioned above, is Kem, her Father, Mr. Kem, being a Clergyman somewhere near Dover.

Feb. 28 (Fri). Dr. Wm Nicolson, Bp of Derry, hath just published his *Irish Historical Library*, in 8vo.

The Romans sometimes gave Names to their Deities upon account of some Benefits they had recd from them, or from the Assistance they exspected from them. The People of *Gallia Cisalpina* called Minerva *Memor*, upon account of her hearkening to the prayers & vows of Men. Hence in an old Inscription published by Peter Victorius, *Castig. Poster. in Epist. Fam. Cic.*, p. 675:—

MINERVAE
MEMORI
COELIA IVLIANA
INDVLGENTIA
MEDICINARVM
EIVS INFIRMITATE
GRAVI LIBERATA
D. P.

Feb. 29 (Sat.). Yesterday I walk'd to Sandford, near Oxford, & saw again the Image of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, lying still, but not fix'd, in the Chancell. It is very pretty, but the Arms are off, & so they were when found, being, I suppose, broke off when laid on the floor, for better conveniency of lying. It is four foot long. The Clark, who is a Taylour, & named Richard Hoar, told me that there were formerly buildings in the Church Yard on the North East Side of the Church. He is an elderly Man, but tho' he does not remember them himself, yet he hath heard his Father and others often talk of these Buildings, & he said a Poor Man lived in the House, whose name was . . . . I said perhaps this was the Church House. Or, it may be, 'twas formerly the virgin Chapel, & the Image might have belong'd to it. I mention'd this to Mr. Powell, who said he was older than the Clarke, but remembred nothing of Building there.

I told Mr. Powell of St. Edmund's Chapell & of St. Mary's Chapell somewhere thereabouts. But he knew nothing of them. But said perhaps it was upon account of St. Edmund's Chapell that so many of his Ancestors were call'd by the Name of Edmund. He told me that the V. Chancellour (Dr. Mather) & Dr. Gardiner (Warden of All Souls Coll.) had interceded with him that this Image might be put in the Ashmolean Muséum, & that Mr. Whiteside (who, nevertheless, had said nothing of it to me) was also urgent for it to be put there. Mr. Powell said he had accordingly made a sort of a Promise that it should be given by him to the University, but that he would not have it put among Gim-Cracks and heathen Statues. I am of opinion myself that it ought to be kept in the Church, since it was found there.

March 1 (Sun.). Mist's Journal, dated Sat., Febr. 29, 1724:—

> We hear that, on the 22d Instant, Edward Prideaux Gwin, Esq., was chosen Member of Parliament for the Borough of Christ-Church in Hampshire, in the Room of his Father, Francis Gwyn, Esq., who made his Election to serve for the City of Wells in Somersetshire.

This young Gentleman is my Friend and Acquaintance, and he was lately Gentleman Commoner of Xt Ch., Oxon.

Thomas Draxe, Minister of the word of God, Author of The Worldes Resurrection, or The generall calling of the Jewes; Lond., 1609, 4°. Two Dedications. 1st, English, to The Rt Honble & most vertuous Lady, the Lady Lvcie, Countesse of Bedford. She was zealous, religious, wise, and learned, and was always in these regards illustrious and renowned[1]. That dedication is dated from Coventry in November, 1608. The 2d Ded. [Latin] is to Sir Clement Throgmorton, Kt. The sd Sr Clement Throgmorton was Son of Sir Job Throgmorton, one of the great Zelots in Q. Eliz. time[2], and Ld of the Manour of Haseley in Com. Warw. Sr Clement was a learned Man[3]. As for Drax, he was a Puritan, & much patroniz'd by Sir Job Throgmorton. Lucie, Dutchess of Bedford, before mentioned, was the Wife of Edward, Ld Russell, Earl of Bedford[4], who died May 3, 1627, wthout Issue. She was daughter to John,

[1] So the Ded.
[2] Dugdale's Warw.sh., p. 496, 497.
[3] Ibid., & ded. dict.
[4] Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. 2, p. 380.

L^d Harington, of Exton, & Sister & coheir of John, the 2^d Lord Harington [1].

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at two Clock, was a Convocation for electing an Incumbent into the Parsonage of Lurgershall in Sussex, the R^t belonging to the University, upon account of the Patron's being, as 'tis said, a Papist. Candidates were my ingenious Friend, M^r. James Brampston (commonly called Jemy Brampston), late Student of X^t Church, a young Master of Arts, but now married & Chaplain to a Regiment, & one Thornton, an heavy, proud Master of Arts of Queen's College. M^r. Brampston carried it at least two to one, to the great Vexation of the Queen's Men.

[Note about Queen Philippa, printed in *Peter Langtoft*, p. 548, omitted.]

March 3 (Tu.). Yesterday I bought out of the Study of the late D^r. Charlett, John Gibbon's Blason of Arms, Lond., 1682, 8^vo, neatly bound. It cost me 2s., but is worth 5s. This M^r. Gibbon was Blewmantle pursevant at Arms, and hath not been dead many Years. He lived to be an old Man, & was much respected by Sir W^m Dugdale, particularly for his Skill in Latin (beyond what happens to the Generality of Heralds), as well as for his knowledge in his Profession. The Book is recommended by the said S^r W^m, &c.

On Sunday last, in the Afternoon, was to have preached, according to the Bills that were fix'd up in Colleges and Halls, before the University, at S^t. Peter's Church in the East, M^r. Bromwich, Chaplain of New Coll., & Vice-Principal of S^t. Mary Hall, but it being pretended that he was ill, that impudent Coxcomb, Bowles of Oriel College, supply'd his Place, and made a very poor Sermon; but what is remarkable is, that the very Sermon Bowles preached was preached that very same day in the Morning at Sandford, near Oxford, by M^r. Dennis, Chaplain of New College, who officiated at Sandford that day for M^r. Bromwich, who is Minister of Sandford. So that 'tis rightly judg'd that the Sermon was Bromwich's own, tho' Bowles had made some few Alterations, all for the worse. People were much discontented when they found Bowles to come up in the Pulpit, & had his Name been put up in the Bills, there would have been hardly any at Church, w^ch I suppose himself was sensible enough of, and therefore contriv'd to have Bromwich's Name mentioned. The Text was, Coloss. 3. 2, *Set your Affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

March 4 (Wed.). Katherine Wells was the last Prioress of Littlemore

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March 3, 172¾. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Rawl. 34. 100). Thanks for box of old things received a good while since. Hopes the last auction turned to good account. Progress of Robert of Gloucester. Mr. Keck had a transcript of the spurious MS. of that author. 'He will appear very pleasant to such as shall understand him, tho', it may be, otherwise to others.' Is Rastall's Chronicle among A. F.'s books? If so, when was it printed, and what are the last few words?

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[1] MS. penes me of some of the Antiquities of Buckinghamshire, p. 271.

Minchery, near Oxford[1]. Mr. Davies, Minister then of Sandford[2], us'd to say that Mr. Powell of Sandford's Lady was descended of the said Katherine Wells. But this was only conjecture, from Madam Powell's Mother Anne Wells's being (as the Prioress was) a Hampshire Woman. Mr. Powell's Lady hath been a very fine Woman. Her Mother, the said Anne Wells, was the Daughter of . . . Wells, of Brambridge in Hampshire. She was first Maid of Honour to Q. Catharine, and afterwards (when married to . . . Windham, by whom she had Madam Powell) of the Bedchamber to her. Mr. Davies was a stern Man. He us'd to say often he had a MS. Book about the Minchery of Littlemore, but he would never let Mr. Powell see it, nor does Mr. Powell know what became of it.

In the Chancell of Sandford Church lyes on the Floor a black Marble, with this Inscription to the Memory of four of Mr. Powell's Children :—

Here lye Interr'd MARY, ANNE, JOHN, | FRANCIS, Sons & Daughters of JOHN | POWELL, Esq., & ANNE, his wife: | MARY, Born ye 8th of June, 1695, | Deceas'd ye 26 of July, 1708; | ANNE, Born ye 7th of Jan., 1698, | Deceas'd ye 21th of Apr., 1699; | JOHN, Born ye 27th of Nov., 1701, | Deceas'd ye 29th of Oct., 1702; | FRANCIS, Born ye 5th of Jan., 1702, | Deceas'd ye 6th of Aug., 1708. |

Mr. Powell hath only two Children, as I am told, now living, both Daughters (pretty Creatures), viz. Winifrid & Catharine. So the Clark of Sandford[3] told me, who said he believed the Name of the eldest was Winifrid, she being commonly called Winny.

March 5 (Th.). The Names of some of the Churches in Berks., with the Sts to whom dedicated, communicated to me last Night by Browne Willis, Esq., who collected them from Probats of Wills in the Office of the Register of Berks., now Mr. Greenaway :—

Aldermarston, St. Mary.	Cholsey, St. Mary.
Aldworth, St. Mary.	Cookham, Holy Trinity.
Aston Torold, St. Michael.	Chiveley, St. Mary.
Basilden, St. Bartholomew.	Comnor, St. Michael.
Burwescot, St. Mary.	Cluer, St. Andrew.
Bray, St. Michael.	Chilton, All Sts.
Baydon, St. Nicholas.	Childrey, St. Mary.
Bright Walton, All Sts.	Coleshill, All Sts.
Brimpton, St. Peter.	Culneham, St. Paul
Brightwell, St. Agath.	Eyoston, All Sts.
Barkham, St. James.	Est Wittenham, All Sts.
Bucklebury, St. Mary.	Finchampsted, St. Mary.

March 5, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. E. Bayly to H. (Rawl. 2. 6). Long letter about the Chichester Inscription. Wants H.'s advice about printing it. 'If you thought fitt to honour it at any time with a Place in any work you shall publish, I shall be willing to take a little more Pains about it to oblige you, but I don't Care to venture to print it alone in my own name.'

[1] See my Preface to the Antiquities of Glastonbury, p. xviii.
[2] Hæc ex ore Joannis Powell, de Sandford, arm., die Veneris, Febr. 28, 1723.
[3] Richd Hoar.

Hurst, S^t. Nicholas.
Hungerford, S^t. Laurence.
Ink Pen, S^t. Michael.
Kentbury, S^t. Mary.
Lamborne, S^t. Michael.
Longcote, S^t. Mary.
Milton, S^t. Blase.
Marcham, All S^ts.
North Morton, All S^ts.
Newbury, S^t. Nicholas.
Old Windsor, S^t. Peter.
Offington, S^t. Mary.
Radley, S^t. James.
Spene, S^t. Mary.
Stretley, S^t. Mary.
Shaw, S^t. Mary.
Sunningwell, S^t. Leonard.
Shottisbrook, S^t. John Baptist.
Sutton, All S^ts.
Sulhampsted Abbats, S^t. Bartholomew.
South Morton, S^t. John.
Shillingford, S^t. Faith.
Stanford, S^t. Dionise.
Swallowfeild, All S^ts.
South Hinxey, S^t. John.
Shalborne, S^t. Michael.
Shrivenham, S^t. Andrew.
Steventon, S^t. James.
Shinningfeild, S^t. Mary.
Tilehurst, S^t. Michael.
Thatcham, S^t. Mary.
Ufton, S^t. Peter.
Windsor Nova, S^t. John Baptist.
Wingfeild, S^t. Mary.
West Woodbury, S^t. Laurence.
Wargham[1], S^t. Mary.
White Waltham, S^t. Mary.

March 6 (Fri.). Yesterday M^r. West of Balliol Coll. shewed me a little 4^to MS., being the Legend of S^t. Cuthbert & the Antiquities of Durham. It was written by Rob^t Hegge, Fellow of Corpus X^ti Coll., Oxon., and is said to be his own hand Writing. M^r. West saith it was given him when he was in the Country lately. I do not know but it was D^r. Pocock's Copy y^t is mentioned by Anthony Wood in his Athenæ Oxon., Vol. i, col. 455. But I did not but just see it, and therefore cannot give any Judgment about it.

On the fourth inst. I rec^d from M^r. Franc. Tayler, Fellow of Univ. Coll., who is now in London, where he hath been a good while, D^r. Busby's *Rudimentum Grammaticæ Græco-Latinæ in usum nobilium puerorum in Schol̃ Regiã Westmonasteriȷ̃*; Lond., 1689, 8^vo. M^r. Tayler gave it me. It belong'd to Sir Jonathan Trelawny, first B^p of Bristol, afterwards B^p of Exeter, and then of Winchester, who hath written this Note at the beginning: *The gift of y^e Author, D^r. Busby, the greate master of Westminster Schole, & of all Gra. Learning, & the best Grammarian in the world, only in this hardly intelligible.—J. Trelawny.*

March 7 (Sat.). Yesterday I went into S^t. Peter's Church in the Bailly in Oxford, and view'd the Antiquities & Monum^ts in it. It is a very old little Church, and odd. It consists of three Isles. At the East End of the S. Isle, on the South Side, is a Monument with this Inscription:—

Under this Place lye the Bodys | of M^r. ANTHONY GOLD[2], Master of Arts of this Univer., & ELIZ. SMITH, his sister. | He dyed Sept. the 8^th, | 1689. | She dyed Aug. the 5^th, | 1690. | SILVESTER GOLD, Clarke, Father of | the above mention'd, died Oct. the 7, 1706, | AG. 74.

March 7, 172¾. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 21). Sorry he cannot immediately answer query about Rastall's Chronicle at Wimpole: will do it as soon as he goes there.

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[1] So M^r. Willis's Papers. F. Wargrave.
[2] This A. Gold was Uncle to Robert Hogbon, the present Clarke.

The said Anthony Gold was of New-Inne Hall, and took the degree of M.A., May 2, 1683.

On the S. Wall of the said S. Isle, a little above the Entrance into the Church, is a small Tablet, with this Inscription, w^ch hath been copied by several Gentlemen (as the Clarke told me) for the Odness of it:—

Neare this Place | lieth the Body of | SVSANNA, the Wife of | JOHN JONES of this Parrish. | She died February 2^d, 169$\frac{8}{9}$. |

O hungry, cruell, and dismall death,
Thou hast me here sore opprest.
Stay, Passenger, here, lend an Eye, & shed a tear,
On my carefull ALLIN, whom I lov'd so dear.
ALLIN was her name, & her nature did express,
That in God's temple she built her Carefull Nest.
There did she flye, that she the easier may
Her young ones teach, lo, she hath led the way.

The said John Jones is still living, being an Hair buyer in All Hallows Parish, Oxon. His Daughter keeps the Bear Inn in Oxford.

In the Middle Isle of the said S^t. Peter's Church is a Monument on a Pillar, with this Inscription in Capital Letters: —

W. N.

To the immortal Names of | *William Northerne*, Maior | of this Citie at the Coronation | of Richard the second, and | Dame *Margaret*, his Wife, | Enterred both under the next | Marble, 1383. The ever loyall Citie Oxford | renewe their acknowledg|ment to stand a perpetuall | Marke of Honour due to so | auncient Benefactours. | 1667.

Upon the Floor is a broken stone, under or by the said Pillar, of a plain marble, on w^ch were formerly the Effigies at full length of the said W^m Northerne and Margaret, his Wife, but it seems (as the Clarke told me) they were quite taken away & disposed of (by sale) three or four Years agoe, the Heads of each having been broke off and lost (or it may be, too, sold) many Years before. On this Stone is the mark where was formerly a Brass Plate, but this Plate is now off, tho' I saw part of it (and that, too, the greatest part) in the Church, being produced by the Clark from a Hole or Box in the Wall of the East Part of the Church, on w^ch I found this broken Inscription:—

[1]..... eburgh', alio nomine dict' Northerne, civis Oxonie, qui fuit Maior | ..... regis Ricardi secundi, et obijt anno domini MCCC° LXXXIII, in die nativitatis | ..... ae, et Margareta, uxor sua, quorum animabus propicietur Deus. Amen[1].

At the top of the Marble:—

W. N.

I suppose the first Name might be Northeburghe, but of this I must inquire, tho' the Clarke could tell nothing about it, only he said they were

[1–1] [This inscription is doubly underlined, which is Hearne's method of denoting Black-letter.]

both great Benefactors to the City of Oxford. K. Rich^d II^d began his Reign, June 21, 1377. He was crowned with great solemnity at Westm., by Simon Sudbury, Archb^p of Cant., the 16 July following. The said Northerne died in the 7^th Year of his Reign.

In the same Middle Isle is another plain Marble, with a Brass Plate, on w^ch is this Inscription :—

Hic jacet Johannes Atworthe, quondam ballivi [*sic*] | Oxon', qui obijt xvi^o die mensis Aprilis, anno | Domini M^o CCCC^o XIX^o, cujus anime propicietur Deus. | [1]

Above the Inscription is the Effigies of a Man on another Brass, but the Head is gone. And a little below that Monum^t is another plain Marble, with the Effigies of a Man & Woman (the Woman on the right hand, & the Man on the left), & this Inscription underneath on a Brass Plate :—

Hic jacent Johannes Sprunt, quondam majoris [*sic*] Oxon', | qui obijt xiiii^o die Mensis Junij, Anno Domini millesimo | CCCCXIX^o, & Alicia, uxor ejus, quorum animabus propicietur Deus. | [1]

The Tower of this Church being at the End of this Middle Isle, just under the said Tower is a white Marble Monument with this Inscription :—

H. S. E.
THOMAS BAYLEY, S. S. T. P.,
Et
Rector de Slapton in Com. Buck.,
In officio fungendo
Æquus, prudens, constans :
Religionis ac literarum ornamentum et Patronus [2],
Ingenuis artibus instructus, moribus suavis,
Nec morte ipsa sibi dispar,
Quam juxta ac vitam pariter contemnendo,
Pariter bene habendo,
Et vivere docuit et mori,
Anno { Ætatis 65.
Salutis 1709.
ABRAHAM SWAIN, A.M., Vic.
De Slapenhil in Com. Derb.,
In Avunculi sui memoriam,
M. P.

Notwithstanding the Character of D^r. Bayley in the said Monument, he was a Man of no note for his learning nor for extraordinary Virtues. He was, indeed, a plain Man, & esteem'd honest, but then he was close and near, tho' he was upon occasion a merry Companion, & would sing Chevy Chace well.

Just by D^r. Bayley's Monument, on the East side of it, in the same Wall, is a Monument to the Memory of M^rs. Margaret Rawlins, who happened unfortunately to be killed by the Point of her Husband's

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[1] [See note on preceding page.]

[2] Q[uære] ?

Sword (the Particulars of wch I have not yet heard), on wch Monument is this Inscription:—

M. S.
MARGARET RAWLINS, the wife of THO.
RAWLINS, Esq., who dyed the 28. of Jan.,
1645.

HVRT by her Husband's SWORD, but not his WILL:
Vndon by THAT, which did DEFEND her still:
Vnhappy fate this envious Course had found
To take the STEELE from HIM, from CHANCE the WOVND.
Death had designes on BOTH; HER hence she beares
In STREAMES of BLOOD, and HIM in STREAMES of TEARES:
And those Designes succeed, in this sad TROTH,
Though ONE survive, yet she hath slaine them BOTH.

Just within the Chancell, on the Floor, is an old plain Stone, on wch is a plate with this Inscription:—

Hic jacet magister Willelmus Parker, in utroque jure | bacalarius, qui obijt xi^{o} die mensis Julij, anno | domini M^{o} V^{c} X^{o}, cujus anime propicietur Deus. Amen.

In the Chancell, by the Entrance up into the Tower, is a very old Tomb, raised something from the Ground, just in the Arch, but without Inscription. There are no Arms on it, tho' there should have been some on the S. Side, where are these two Shields.

[Drawings of two blank shields omitted.]

Within the Rail of the Chancell, on the Floor, is a black Marble, with this Inscription:—

Anno Domini 1666, | mense Junij, | die 24, | Christophorus Hattonus, ex illustri | familiâ oriundus, et Magarita[1], ejus | Vxor, insignis Matrona, post annum | matrimonij quinquagesimum primum, | sub hoc marmore requiescunt | a laboribus suis. |
Beati enim mortui, qui in Domino | moriuntur, opera enim illorum | sequntur[2] illos. Apoc. 14.

The Clarke told me he had heard that the said Xtopher Hatton had been a Scholar in New Inn Hall. Some have thought that the Founder of the Church is buried under the foresaid Tomb, without Inscription.

In the North Isle is a rough Stone, with many divine & moral Sentences, now almost oblitterated, and on it the Effigies, no way defaced, of George Box and Margaret, his Wife, honest, virtuous, substantial Housholders. He died, July 18, 1649; she, Sept. 2^{d}, 1665. Jane & Elizabeth, their youngest Daughters, & Rich^{d} Box, Master of Arts, their 3^{d} Son, are also buried under it.

March 9 (Mon.). On Saturday last, in the Afternoon, I call'd upon Dr. Thomas Tanner, the new Canon of Xt Church, who told me that

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March 9, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. **H. to H. Bedford** (Rawl. 13. 9^{a}). Please convey enclosed to Mr. Francke, late fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. 'I lent him many years agoe a Macrobius, which I think 'tis time now for him to

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[1] Sic. [2] Sic.

Ant. à Wood used Spectacles when he was about 25 Years of Age, & so continued to use them till the last. He said Anthony used to wear Band strings. He said the Bust of Anthony that Dr. Charlett had taken of him, after Anthony's Death, in Plaister of Paris, is very little like him. He said the Print of Anthony before his Athenæ Oxon. (of the 1st Ed.) is very little, or, indeed, nothing at all like him, & that it was taken from the silly Paint of him in the Ashm. Muséum, which was done when Anthony was young. But I have heard old Burghers, the Ingraver, say that he (Burghers) took this immediately from Anthony's Face, and that Anthony came to him on purpose about it, sate down while it was doing, but behav'd himself all the time like one asleep. And this I have heard Burghers often say.

March 10 (Tu.). Mr. John Philips, the famous Poet, who was of Xt Church in this Univ., left behind him three Brothers, Robert, Stephen, and Francis. I am acquainted with all three, being very honest, ingenious Men. Rob. is now in Oxford, &, on Saturday night last, he told me he went to School at Eaton, & was of Merton Coll. afterwards, being entered in the Year 1693. He said, when he was of Eaton Coll., Mr. John King, Master of the Free School of Bray, used often to come to Eaton, being much esteem'd by the Masters of Eaton School. This Mr. King is still living, being Dr. of Div. He was of Exeter Coll., where he took the Degree of M.A., Febr. 12, 1680. He was a very good School Master, as I have been told, but hath left the School a great many Years. Upon his leaving it, he was succeeded by Mr. Patrick Gourdon, an ejected Scottish Clergyman, Professor of Hebrew at Aberdeen, wch Mr. Gourdon taught me my Accidence at Bray School, about the Year 1692. Upon his leaving the School, Mr. James Gibson was made School Master, & proved much better than Mr. Gourdon, who, tho' a good Scholar, yet he had not the Art of teaching School. During this Mr. Gibson's being School Master, I came to the Univ., being entered of Edm. Hall, in the latter End of Michaelmass Term, 1695, where I have continued (tho' not now as a Member) ever since. Mr. Gibson had many Boarders, & a flourishing School during the Life of his first Wife (the Daughter of old Mrs. Adams, of St. Aldate's, Oxon.), she being a very pretty, discreet young Woman, but she dying in Child bed, leaving behind her two Children (a Son & Daughter, both now living), Mr. Gibson some time after married a second Wife, an old Maid, one Mrs. Newton, who, tho' she be a cunning, plodding Woman, & had saved Money by being House keeper in several good Families, yet the Scholars were not pleased with her, she having no taking way, & thereupon Mr. Gibson's Boarders beginning to dwindle much, he left the School, & hath been ever since at Wotton Under Hill[1] (near Brill

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restore.' [PS.] Received valuable present of Translation of Barwick's Life, with copy for Mr. Graves.

March 9, 172¾. H. to A. Francke (Rawl. 13. 9). Desires A. F. to return Pontanus's edition of Macrobius, lent in 1712.

March 9, 172¾. H. to [T. Thomas] (Rawl. 10. 20). If the query can be answered within a fortnight, it will do.

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[1] [Wotton Underwood.]

in Bucks.), of wch Place (a Donative) he is Minister, & sometimes teaches young Children their English, and rudiments of the Latin Tongue. As for Mr. Gourdon, he is Prebendary of Hereford (where he lives), and hath a Parsonage of about an hundred libs. per annum. He is married, & lives very handsomely.

March 11 (Wed.). On Monday Night last was buried in Kiddington Church, near Woodstock, Mrs. Mary Brown, the eldest Daughter of Sir Charles Brown, of Kiddington, Baronett. She was a most sweet, beautifull, virtuous young Lady, & died unmarried in the 23d Year of her Age. Her distemper was the Small Pox. It seems, her younger Sister (the only Daughter that Sir Charles hath now living) had had the small Pox not long before, & was well recovered. Upon wch Mrs. Mary, being willing to have the small Pox also, on purpose to catch it, lay in her Sister (Mrs. Frances's) Bed, & so she had it, and it proved mortal.

On Monday last I bought out of the Study of the late Dr. Charlett, *Pauli Freheri Theatrum virorum eruditione clarorum*, Noribergæ, 1688, fol., in two Volumes, handsomely bound and gilt back, worth at least two Guineas, tho' I had them for 25s. It is a very usefull Book, & hath a vast Number of Heads.

Yesterday died at Mr. Long the Hatter's in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, one Mrs. Cary, an old maid of 75 Years of Age, first-Couzin to Dr. George Clarke of All Souls Coll., his Mother and hers being own Sisters. She was, like Dr. Clarke, a very proud Woman, & had so much Vanity as to go in a fine, tawdry Dress, as if she had been but 15 or 16 Years old. Dr. Clarke & she were mighty intimate, insomuch that divers used to talk waggishly about them [1].

March 12 (Th.). On Tuesday last died suddenly (I have been told, with his Bottle and Glass before him) one Mr. Thorold, upwards of fifty Years of Age [2], second Butler of All Souls Coll., which Place he hath had a matter of thirty Years, a Man that was a very great Lifter, indeed, a down right Sot, and was buried last Night at St. Marie's. He was, however, an ingenious Man, an excellent Accountant, and had read much.

In the *Bay* of *Honduras*, the Cost of *Carthagena*, and also in most places of *Nova Hispaniola*, two little *Cacoa* Nuts (or Kernells) passe currant for one farthing, with which (as good sterling) they truck in the Markets; Edm. Hickeringill's Jamaica viewed, pag. 30, Lond., 1661, 12°. The said Edm. Hickeringill was Fellow of Caie's Coll. in Cambr., and had been in Jamaica.

March 12, 172⅔. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 156). Wants to know in what year Rastall's Chronicle was printed, and what are the last few words of it.

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[1] She was buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxon., on Saturday, in the Afternoon, March 14.

[2] He was sixty-five.

March 13 (Fri.). Yesterday I bought out of Mr. Fletcher Bookseller of Oxford's Shop:—

1. Fuller's Church History, folio, price 1 lib. 2s. 6d. There is one now to be sold in the late Dr. Charlett's Study for 20s., but this being nothing near so good as Fletcher's, and several of the Leaves being transpos'd, I was willing to pay half a Crown more for Fletcher's than have this, especially since Mr. Wilmot (to whom it belongs) would abate nothing.

2. The Breviary of Britaine, out of Humphr. Lhuyd's Latin into English, by Thomas Twyne, Gent., 1573, 8vo, Price 2s. 6d. This Translation is done excellently well, & for that reason several Encomiastick Verses are prefix'd to the Book very deservedly. The Book is very rare. I have known a very imperfect, mangled one bring a good Price in an Auction.

My Friend, Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge, in a Letter of the 25th of last Month, writes me this Account of the Coyns or old Gold Pieces lately found at Cambridge in digging some Foundations at King's College:—

The old Gold you speak off was dug up at King's College the day after I wrote to you. Some of it (as suppos'd) the workmen run away with; they have already recover'd 63 Pieces, of the weight of a Guinea, bating 14 Grains more or less, & all of them (that I have seen) of the same Coin, viz. of Hen. Vth, with this Inscription: *Henric. Di. Gra. Rex Angl. et Franc. Dns. Hib.* On the Reverse: *IHC · autem · transiens · per · medium · illorum · ibat.* The rest you may find in Mr. Thoresby's Book, Pag. 357. And yet there is some smal variation, so that they seem to have been coin'd in different Mints or Dies. They come very seasonably to make Presents off to Benefactors, as they tell me they intend. I hope to have one, if it can be had at a price.

March 14 (Sat.). [Extract from Edm. Hickeringill's *Jamaica View'd* omitted.]

Yesterday was a strange Wet day. It began raining hard a little before nine Clock in the Morning, & so continued incessantly till a little before nine in the Evening.

March 15 (Sun.). One De la Field, a common Schoolmaster (not the Teacher of the Free School) at Great Hasely, being presented to Great Milton by one Counsellor Carter, an impudent, Whiggish Blockhead, Dr. Reynolds, Bp of Lincoln (a very illiterate, mean spirited, Whiggish Prelate), hath put the said De la Field into Orders, and this day he is to preach his first Sermon at Great Milton, and yet this De la Field never had any University Education, & hardly understands a Sentence in Latin, his Occupation being to teach children to read & write English. The Parishioners of Great Milton are extremely

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March 14, 172¾. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 129). Sorry he will not be at Wimpole within the time mentioned. Sends account of an imperfect Rastall shown him by Ld. Harley. [PS.] 'It gave me much concern to hear so bad an account of ye health of your worthy friend, Mr. Bridges, as I had it two days ago from his Physician. He seems to have small hopes of him.'

nettled at this, and I am well informed many will abstain from going to that Church.

In Wrexham Church, in the Pillar next the Reading Desk :—

Here lieth a Church Warden,
A Choice Pillar of that Garden,
Joseph Cratchley by Name,
Who died in good Fame.

I had the said Inscription from one Williams, a Denbighshire Man, now in Oxford, a Designer, who is about undertaking to have new Draughts of all the Colleges and Halls in Oxford. He also told me yesterday of the following Inscription in Glamorganshire, but could not tell the Place :—

O, cruel Death, what dost thou mean,
To take my Lord Abergene's Daughter quite & clean?
And here she lyeth under Ground:
Before God, my Lord had rather have given ten Pound.

At the same time he likewise told me of the following one in the Church Yard of Wrexham, at the West End of the Steeple. It is to a Blackamore.

Stop, Reader, and poor Vonkelly condole,
Whose swarthy Outside had a white, bright Soule:
In India born, from w^{ch} [s]he hither come,
To take her rest under this cold Welsch tombe.
She died young.

Some body made verses upon that occasion, a Fragment of w^{ch} M^{r}. Williams repeated to me thus.

[These verses are omitted.]

March 16 (Mon.). Mr. Selden was a great admirer of D^{r}. Rob^{t} Flud, or Floyd, that noted Rosacrucian Physician, who, as he tells us in his Dedication of his Titles of Honour, Ed. 1, q^{to}, to M. Edward Heyward, cured him of a dangerous and tedious sickness—*being thence freed* (are his Words) *by the bounteous humanitie and advise of that learned Phisician, Doctor Robert Floyd* (*whom my Memorie alwaies honors*). Indeed, Selden was a follower of such sort of learning as the D^{r}. profest himself, & used very frequently to dive into the Books of Astrologers & Soothsayers. Whence 'tis that he so often quotes Julius Firmicus & Vettius Valens (both old Writers, and 'tis pity the latter is not published), & divers besides, w^{ch} makes many of his Writings hardly intelligible, he being fond of even their very Expressions, as he was

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March 16, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. **H. to J. Bridges** (Diaries, 102. 147). Progress of Robert of Gloucester. Hopes to send out copies soon. 'But the chief reason of my writing to you at this time is to inquire after your Health, w^{ch} I fear, from a Report I have heard, is but indifferent. I should be most heartily glad to understand that that Report is groundless.' [See Diary, March 22.]

March 16, 172$\frac{3}{4}$. **J. Thorpe to H.** (Rawl. 10. 109). Has sent subscription-money for Heming and Robert of Gloucester. [Note by Hearne :—'Rec^{d}, March 25th, 1724, by M^{r}. Brown.']

certainly a very careless Writer, both in Latin & English, being more fond of variety of learning than elegant or even easy Expressions.

[Note on burial in Religious Houses, printed in the Preface to *Robert of Gloucester*, § vi, omitted.]

March 18 (Wed.). Yesterday I bought for six Pence (tho' it be worth 5 shillings) out of Dr. Charlett's Study, *Prynne's Signal Loyalty and Devotion of God's true Saints and Pious Christians towards their Kings*, &c.; Lond., 1660, 4°, in two Parts. It must be now noted that Mr. Prynne's Things beginn now to be scarce, and are pick'd up by curious Men. They are made rare by many of the Copies being turned to wast Paper. They are valuable for the Historical Passages (provided his Citations and Transcripts may be rely'd on) out of a great Variety of Authors, MSS. and printed. Prynne calls the said Book, in the Title Page, the first & second Part, designing one or more Parts should follow, but I cannot find that any more was ever printed. At the End of the Book he hath given the various Forms of Prayers, Supplications, Collects, Votes, and Acclamations used at the Coronations of Emperors and Kings, especially of our ancient and late Kings of England and Scotland (not hitherto published).

March 19 (Th.). There is very lately printed and published by Subscription, at London, in 4to, *Mona Antiqua Restaurata*, by the Revd Mr. Henry Rowland, Vicar of Llan-Idan in the Isle of Anglesey. I have not yet had an opportunity of reading this Book, having had only a transient view of it. It does not seem, however, to deserve so very high a Character as that given of it by Dr. Nicholson, in p. 24, 25, of his Engl. Historical Library. But it seems this Rowland was one of Nicholson's Admirers, & he had communicated the Work to Nicholson in MS. Mr. Rowland died before the Book was quite printed, as I have been informed by Mr. Williams above mentioned (p. 145, 146), who added that he was a very fat, bulky Man, of about 3 score Years of Age, of excellent Learning, & that he would write Latin very well (better than any Man in the Isle of Anglesey), tho' he had never been above 20 Miles from his own habitation, thereby insinuating as if he never had Academical Education. This Book is writ in English. I know no need for the word *restaurata*, because all allow, that I know of, that Anglesey is the ancient *Mona*.

There is a large Passage published by Mr. Selden, *de Jure naturali & Gent. juxta Disciplinam Ebræorum*, p. 415, Ed. fol., out of Vettius Valens's Anthologia, MS., to wch he hath added a Translation.

March 20 (Fri.). Dr. Richard Fiddes hath just published, in Folio, *The Life of Cardinal Wolsey*. I have not yet the Opportunity of perusing this Book, but I hear but an indifferent Character of it. Nor, indeed, can it be exspected that he should do any thing well this way, since he never had a genius to the Study of History and Antiquities. Neither had he ever any Inclination, or made it his Business, to search ancient MSS. & Records. He formerly published Sermons and a Body of Divinity. His Sermons are tollerably good, & he might have done well enough in such Discourses, but what he call'd his Body of Divinity,

in 2 Vols. fol., is mean. His Life of Card. Wolsey is reported to be inferior to the 4^to^ Life written by Cavendish.

March 21 (Sat.). Yesterday I walk'd to Sandford, near Oxford, & saw again the Figure there (lying still in the Church) of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. After w^ch^, calling at M^r^. Powell's, I met with his Lady (who is still a very fine Woman). I had some Discourse with her about it. She told me she was altogether against giving it away, & that if it was taken out of the Church, she was for having it kept in a little private Room of their House, in w^ch^ there were formerly Books. I told her it was altogether my Opinion that it should be kept in the Church, but that if it were taken away, they and nobody else ought to have it. She approv'd of what I said, & desir'd me to perswade M^r^. Powell to it, w^ch^ she mentioned because M^r^. Powell had had some Inclination to give it to some Place in Oxford. Meeting afterwards with M^r^. Powell, walking in the Cemitery of Sandford with an elderly Gentleman of good sense (I suppose, the Family Confessor), I told him my Opinion as to this Point, as Madam Powell had desired me, & then I had a little Discourse with the said elderly Gentleman about Antiquities, on occasion of w^ch^ I told him Sandford Church was one of the ancient Feld-chirches, to w^ch^ he agreed. I had a little Discourse also with one of M^r^. Powell's Daughters, who happened to be with her Mother, & afterwards came to her Father in the Church Yard. It was Miss Kitty, a very fine, well bred, genteel, virtuous young Woman.

March 22 (Sun.). Last Night, about six Clock, died D^r^. George Stonehouse, M.D., & Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon., leaving the Character behind him of a good Physician, a good natur'd Man, and charitable to the Poor, who used to receive Advice from him gratis. He took y^e^ Degree of M.A., Nov. 10, 1687, & accumulated the Degrees of B. and D.M., March 23, 1699. He was a Man y^t^ drunk a great deal of Coffee, & abundance of Small Beer. Friday last was sennight I have observ'd to have been a strange wet day. The D^r^. was out in the Country, by Fifeild in Barkshire [1]. They would have had him staid, he having been there from Wednesday before, but he would not, but came home very wet, did not shift himself, but went directly to the Common room, sat there about two hours, & drunk about 2 Quarts of small Beer, w^ch^ threw him into a Feaver & convulsions, y^t^ carried him off.

From Mist's Journal, March 21, 1724:—

> On Monday last, about Eleven o' Clock in the Morning, died John Bridges, Esq., Bencher of Lincoln's-Inn, one of the Governors of the Hospital of Bethlehem, & Fellow of the Royal Society.

This is the Bridges whom I have often mentioned, both in these Collections and in my printed Books, as my particular Friend. The last time I writ to him was y^e^ very day on w^ch^ he died, as may be seen in this Volume. He was about three score Years of Age, & was originally of Trinity Coll. in this University, being a Commoner there under the Tuition of D^r^. Thomas Sykes, as I have often heard him say. He was

[1] At M^r^. Stonehouse's of Tubney.

a very worthy Gentleman, an excellent Classical Scholar, & a very good English Antiquary. By his Death I have lost a good Friend, & y^e^ publick is deprived of a great Work, viz. The Antiquities of Northamptonshire (where he had an Estate), in order to w^ch^ he had survey'd the whole County, had had exact Draughts taken of all y^t^ was considerable in it (not excepting the famous ancient Statues in my L^d^ Lemster's Gardens), & had collected a vast stock of Materials out of MSS. of all kinds y^t^ any way related to the County. He was a strong, lusty Man, but there was a decay of Nature, & a Complication of Distempers, insomuch y^t^ I am assured his Bowells were corrupted. He hath left 3 Brothers, viz. W^m^ Bridges, Esq., who belongs to the Stamp Office, & is a married Man, & hath Children, M^r^. Nath. Bridges, who was of Magd. Coll., Oxon., & married a pritty young Girl about a Year agoe, & M^r^. Ralph Bridges, who was of Trin. Coll., Oxon. These two last Brothers are Clergymen.

Out of the foresaid Mist's Journal:—

Paris, March 18. On the 16^th^ Instant, in the Morning, an Extraordinary Courier arrived at Versailles from Rome, with an Account that Pope Innocent the XIII^th^ departed this Life the 7th at Night, aged 68 Years, 9 Months, and 21 Days, being born the 15^th^ of May, 1655, and in the 3^d^ Year of his Pontificate.

Sund., March 22, 1723, betw. 8 & 9 Clock, terrible Noise[1].

March 23 (Mon.). As the Inhabitants of Borstall are much pleased when they hear that Borstall is the same in signification with the Saxon Burȝ-stal, i. e. *a Seat on the Side of an Hill*, and look upon the Story of its being so called from a wild Boar kill'd by Nigellus in the Forest of Bernwood (on the Edge of which Borstall is placed) as weak and groundless, so their Neighbours, the Inhabitants of Brill, are as much displeased with those that detract from the Antiquity of Brill, and will not allow that it was an ancient Burgh, and is the same as Burgh-hill, or Burgh on the hill, w^ch^, nevertheless, is plain enough to any one that considers either y^e^ Scituation of the place, or the Coyns that have been found there, and thereabouts, some of w^ch^ I have seen my self. M^r^. Camden had well weigh'd this Matter, and therefore he very clearly establishes this Notion of its being an old Burgh. *Hæc tota* (vallis) (saith he[2]) *fere campestris est, solo item argillaceo, tenaci, & fœcundo, pabulosis pratis innumeros ovium greges pascit, quarum mollia & tenuissima vellera ab Asiaticis usque gentibus expetuntur. Sed sylvis nuda nisi ad Occiduum latus, ubi præter alias* Bernewood, *circa quam anno à Christo nato* DCCCCXIIII *Danorum furor impotentiùs sævit, tumque forte concidit* Burgus *ille antiquus, ut Romani nummi inventi testantur, qui posteà regia erat villa Edwardi Confessoris. Nunc autem pagus est rusticus, & pro* Buri-hill, Brill *contractiùs appellant.* Thus this great Man, whose Words are of greater Authority with the Inhabitants & others than those of any more illiterate & injudicious Writers, especially such as derive the

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[1] [This entry is written in pencil inside the cover of Vol. 103 of the Diaries.]
[2] Brit., p. 279, Ed. fol.

Name from Bryers and thorns (from wch they also derive Bruern Abbey in Oxfordshire, when on the contrary it was so denominated from the Bruern or Bourn there), an Etymology that is more weak than that of the very learned Dr. Skinner, who thinks it so called from Burrs there growing[1]. Brill *in Com.* Bucks. (so he writes) *contr. à* Burr-hill, *sc. à Lappis, quæ ibi frequentes crescunt.* Its having been a Royal Vill of Edward the Confessor had been sufficient to have stil'd it a burgh, were there nothing else to rely on. Such Vills in those times were commonly call'd Burghs. Whence 'tis that κώμαι in St. Luke[2] is translated burhȝa in the Saxon, *castella* in the vulgar Lat., & castels in that wch is termed Wickliff's Version. As here was doubtless a Castle or Fortification, so had it a greater right than otherwise to the Title of a *Burgh.* And as here was also a Market, so, withall, it might have been called stræte, such as are mentioned in St. Luke[3], where for *greetings in the Markets* the Saxon hath ȝretinȝa on strætum, and Wickliff *salutaciouns in chepyng.* Mr. Somner, in his Saxon Dictionary, hath noted that stræte signifieth sometimes a market-place, having an eye, I suppose, partly upon what occurs in the Saxon version of the New Testament, & partly upon what he had met with in other old Saxon Monuments. I do not know but Stretely in Berks. was so call'd, not only because the Ikenild Street, or way, pass'd by or through that place, but as it was formerly a Market Town.

March 24 (Tu.). Yesterday was carried out of Oxford, about six Clock, one Jacob Sanders, a tall, thin young Man, who was condemn'd, this last Lent Assizes at Oxford, to be hang'd in Chains at Caversham, near Reading, for murdering one Jonathan Blagrave of Caversham, as he was coming in the Night time from Reading. This Saunders exspected a great Booty of him, & so knock'd him down with a Stake, but he was disappointed, Blagrave having not recd the Money that Night, as he should have done, had it not been late & himself in drink. Sanders was by Trade a Teazer in Reading, but an idle Fellow, and of very ill Repute. I am told his Wife and two Children are living in Reading. He is said to have behaved himself, since his Condemnation, in Prison very well & penitently. The Judge that sat upon Life & Death at Oxford, is Fortescue Aland, the same that published from my Copy, tho' without any Acknowledgment (or so much as sending me a single Copy, or any other Gratuity), a Piece of the famous Fortescue's, to wch he hath put Notes, tho' poor ones. I have been told by some honest Men that he owes his Preferment to me, his Merits being taken from this Work.

This Afternoon was buried, at five Clock, in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., Anne, the Daughter of one Oliver Widdrington, a Mason of yt Parish, who bears a good Character. She died two or three days since, of ye Cholick, in the 22d Year of her Age. She was a plump, merry Girl. She died Sunday last.

This Afternoon died of the Small Pox one Mr. Gwyn, a Battler of Edmund Hall. He was carried, i. e. forced (for he walk'd on foot), out

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[1] Etymol. Dict. [2] ix. 6. [3] Loc. cit., v. 43.

of the Hall, with the Small Pox on him, to a House in S^t^. Peter's Parish in y^e^ East, in w^ch^ House he died. He should not have went out of the Hall, since there was no body in it but had had it [1].

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[Pp. 1–4 contain notes on coins from a printed book.]

March 25 (Wed., Ladyday), 1724. John Rastell or Rastall's Chronicle, an English Book in Folio, with many wooden Cuts, several of w^ch^ are very good, is a wonderfull rare Book. There is a well preserv'd one in the Harleyan Library at Wympole, near Cambridge, as I am inform'd by M^r^. Timothy Thomas, Chaplain to his L^dship^, & Student of X^t^ Church, Oxon., to whom my L^d^ also very lately shew'd in London an imperfect Copy of this Chronicle, of w^ch^ he hath given me the beginning & ending.

[Notes from this book omitted.]

I have often wondered how this Book came to be so very rare, tho' it may be upon account of the Author's being a zealous Roman Catholick. Tho' he was a Printer, yet he was a very learned Man (as, indeed, Printers in those times were Scholars), and having married Elizabeth, Sister of Sir Thomas More [2], it was of very great advantage to him, for, having thereby continual Conversation with Sir Thomas, he improv'd himself by that means strangely in y^e^ History of our Affairs, & being a bitter Adversary to the proceedings of Hen. VIII, both with respect to the Divorce of his virtuous & most religious Queen, & to his Enmity to the Religious Houses, it might make his History or Chronicle lyable to the Censure of those that were of the Reformed side. For ought I know, it might be one of the Books y^t^ were suppress'd & destroy'd in K. Edw. VI's time, when great Havock was made of Roman Catholick Books, and of many other Things characteriz'd as Reliques of Popery. The Author died anno 1536, 28 of Hen. VIII. M^r^. Wood does not

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March 25, 1724. H. to [E. Bayly] (Rawl. 110. 90). 'As soon as I saw the Chichester Inscription, as printed in the Phil. Transactions, I presently compared it with the Copy I had taken from that w^ch^ you sent in a Letter to a Friend of yours in Oxford. I concluded thereupon that yours is more exact and true than that w^ch^ is there printed, and I am glad you confirm your Reading of it in your Letter to me of the 5^th^ inst.' Thinks E. B. should publish his own observations. 'I do not see any need to animadvert on the Author of the Remarks any farther than as you cannot avoid now and then a Stricture.' Much more on same subject.

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[1] He was buried in the Ch. Yard of S^t^. Peter in the East, on Wednesday Evening, a little after nine Clock, March 25, 1724. He died in the 22^d^ Year of his Age. His Uncle, M^r^. Meredith Vaughan (who was of Merton Coll., & took y^e^ Degree of Master of Arts, March, 1690, &) is now Minister of Dunch Tew, near Deddington in Oxfordshire, came over to see him buried. This M^r^. Vaughan hath a Daughter (commonly call'd Miss Vaughan), that is a most beautifull, charming, pretty Creature.

[2] Wood's Athenæ Oxon., Vol. i, col. 38.

seem to have known y^t this Chronicle was ever printed, w^ch is very strange to me, considering his great Diligence in searching after Things of this kind, & his great Acquaintance with many eminent Roman Catholicks, who were always very ready and willing to inform him in any Thing. But, indeed, this Book is a very great Rarity even among them, at least among such as live in England. I have not heard so much as one of those I know ever mention it.

Last Night was buried at S^t. Michael's in Oxon. one old Shirwood, a Man y^t was by Trade a Shoemaker, and had formerly lived very well, and kept several Journey Men in that Parish, and paid Taxes to the Poor for many Years, but being reduc'd, he lived the latter part of his time by gathering Plants, going in Errands, &c. He was always very chearfull, & would walk stoutly, notwithstanding almost fourscore years old. He was at last something craz'd. What contributed chiefly to his Death was his being turn'd out of a Room in w^ch he lay, and afterwards applying himself to the Overseers, they would not so much as look upon him, so that he was forced to lye out upon the Ground, and on Monday Morning last he was found dead in a Ditch in S^t. Gyles's Parish.

March 26 (**Th.**). Yesterday was buried, at four Clock, at the publick time of their Prayers, in the Afternoon, D^r. Stonehouse, in the College Chapell[1]. He died in the 63^d Year of his Age.

It seems, the Man that was murdered at Caversham by Jacob Sanders of Reading, was not a Caversham Man, but a wealthy, substantial Farmer of Maple Derham, & his Name, as I have before observed, was Blagrave, or Blagrove. The Murder, as the Printed Account hath it, was done on February the first last, near Caversham Church, near one a Clock in the Morning. I have noted before that Saunders was penitent, but I hear since that he was otherwise, and behaved himself very rudely at the Gallows. As he rid along the road from Oxford, he appear'd cheerfull & content, & drank a pint of Ale (as every one of the Sheriff's Men did also) at Benson, and cut a good Piece of Bread and Cheese, which he eat heartily. When he came near to the Place of Execution, he flagg'd & shrunk & wriggled, & would fain, if possible, have got off his Links, & made his Escape. When the Ladder was set for him to go up, he would not, but his Sister in a great fury threw it down, & endeavour'd to hinder

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March 26, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 158). Not hearing from J. M., concludes that he is not able to answer the query about Rastall's Chronicle. There is a copy of the book at Wimpole, and Ld. Harley has an imperfect one in London. Has often wondered how it came to be so rare: perhaps because the author was a zealous Roman Catholic. Much more on same subject [as in Diary, March 25].

March 26, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 77). 'I am glad you met with D^r. Tanner, being very sensible that it may be of use to the Republic of Letters that you & he should confer together.' Remarks on Rastall's Chronicle. Mr. Howe's Sermon must also be a rarity, 'but it looks like a Humorist to print in Red. Somewhat of that might be a Bar to his Preferment. I have the same opinion of D^r. St. that you have. He sent to me sometime ago, & I wrote him a very civil Letter, but had no Answere. Sometime after,

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[1] Magd. Coll.

the Execution, but he was forc'd up. The Executioner ask'd him forgiveness. He said he would not forgive him. Thereupon the Executioner declin'd the Office, & 3 or four other People turn'd aside the ladder, & so at last, after much trouble, he was hang'd.

March 27 (Fri.). Mr. Francis Taylor, M.A. and Fellow of Univ. Coll., gave me, on the 24th inst., Camden's Description of Scotland, published, with great Improvements, by Sr James Dalrymple, Edinb., 1695, 8vo. Dr. Nicholson gives a good Character of this Book in p. 13 of his Scottish Historical Library. Here are many MSS. Notes in this Copy that Mr. Taylor gave me. I know not who the Author was. But more than once he subscribes *J. T.*, and refers to his *History of the Druids*.

March 28 (Sat.). On Thursday last, about 12 Clock, died Mr. Ardern Batten, M.A. (and Student of Physick) of Balliol College. This young Gent. lived very lately at Stratford on Avon, with his Wife, Mrs. Eliz. Batten, Daughter of Mr. Rance, the Printer, but she dying last Year, he grew mopish, or, at least, lived very irregularly, & tho' he was fat before, he fell into a Consumption, came to Oxford, & died in St. Marie's Parish in High Street, & was buried, by his Wife, last Night in Holywell Church, by the Care of his Brother, Mr. Edward Batten, A.B. of Brazen-Nose-Coll., to whom he hath left by Will what he had.

Yesterday I walk'd to Elsfield, three Miles from Oxford, & came back by Heddington. I could not get into Elsfield Church, the Clark & the Key being out of the way. In Elsfield Church Yard is buried one Richard Akerman, who died Oct. 7th, 1717, æt. 64. Upon his Grave Stone is, *Mors ærumnarum requies.* The figure of Death lying at length, & these verses under:—

Here's somthing rare!
thô now depriv'd of Life,
A Loving Husband
To a ver'tous wife:
Kind Father, to
his Children Always just;
By Death took hence,
And here he lies in Dust.

March 29 (Sun.). On Friday Morning last they found the boy, of about 7 or 8 Years of Age, between Ifley and Oxford, in a Ditch, that

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I met him at Cambridge, when he offer'd me a visit. I treated him just in the same manner, by giving him no Answere.' Account of the laying of the foundation-stone of King's College. [See Diary, March 30.] 'I am to condole with you for the loss of your worthy Friend, Mr. Bridges, for whom I had a great esteem, tho' I never saw him more then once, when he did me the honor of a visit. I wish his Papers were in your hands.'

March 28, 1724. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 100). On receipt of H.'s letter, delivered it to Mr. Bridges, with a copy of Langtoft, which he promised to collate with the Cotton MS., and forward. Presumes he was prevented by illness. Will endeavour to get the MS. and send it. [Note by Hearne:—'Answd, March 30, 1724.']

March 28, 1724. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 18). Long letter from Leghorn giving account of antiquities met with on his travels in France and Italy. Received letter of Sept. 17 last week. [PS.] Mr. Lowe will forward letters. Mr. Benjamin Crowe, formerly of Queen's College, wishes to be remembered.

was drowned on Jan. 25 last, at the Folley Bridge, that I have mentioned in Vol. 102, p. 39, & the Child was buried that Evening at St. Aldate's.

March 30 (Mon.). [1] On the 25th inst., being Lady day (the Patroness of King's College), after Prayers, a Sermon, and an Anthem compos'd upon the occasion, they laid the first Stone of their (King's) College with great Solemnity. Some of the present King's (George's) Coin in Gold, Silver, & Copper was buried in the Foundation, with an Inscription, wch Mr. Baker was told would be in the publick Prints, otherwise he would have sent me a Copy. They propose at present only to build one wing of the Square, from the West end of the Chappel towards the South, wch will cost them ten thousand pounds, or upwards.

April 1 (Wed.). Out of Mr. Baker of Cambridge's Letter to me, dated at Cambridge, Febr. 9 last:—

Daniel Langhorn (whom you enquire after) was admitted Fellow of Benet College, an. 1663, thus: *Novr . . . , 1663. Daniel Langhorn, Londinensis, Magister in Artibus, admissus est Socius perpetuus hujus Collegij (C.C.C.) in locum communem Magistri Wilkinson, per ejus obitum jam vacantem.* In 1671 his place became void; thus, Dec. 13, 1671: *Thomas Montague, A.M., Huntingtoniensis, Filius è natu minoribus unus Edvardi, nuper Comitis Mancestriæ, admissus est Socius perpet. in locum communem Magistri Langhorn, per cessionem ejus jam vacantem.* He (D. L.) commenc't Bac. of Divinity the next year, 1664, & the same year, 1664, was admitted one of the University Preachers. His Book (as you observe) was printed both in Latin & English; but I have seen it continued in MS. (in private hands) under this Title: *Chronici Regum Anglorum à Dan. Langhorn inchoati Continuatio, à Rege Egberto (ubi desinit primum volumen, ab ipso Authore adhuc superstite, publici juris factum) usque ad annum* 1007 *deducta.* At the Conclusion of the MS. it is sayd: *Mr. Langhorne dyed Aug.* 10th, 1681.

The Germans, contrary to other Nations, make the Moon the Masculine, & the Sun the Feminine Gender. The Germans make ye Danubius to be the feminine Gender.

Travelling night & day in Germany is by Waggons, that go no faster almost than a foot pace. If Travellers in a Winter Night get 3 or 4 hours' rest, Noblemen & persons of Quality & those of the most inferior Rank (Men, Women, & Children) tumble all together in one Room upon Straw.

April 2 (Th.). On Tuesday last Mr. John Shepherd's Wife of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., was brought to bed of her second Child, being a boy.

March 31, 1724. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 103. 15). Sorry to hear Mr. Bridges is dead. 'By his death I have lost a worthy Friend, and the publick is deprived of his Antiquities of Northamptonshire, unless some body will undertake to digest his Collections, for I fear he had not went far in methodizing them himself.' Progress of Robert of Gloucester. Will return the MSS. to their respective owners. Will print no more of Robert of Brunne than what he took from Peter Langtoft, the rest being nothing but Geoffrey of Monmouth.

April 2, 1724. A. Francke to H. (Rawl. 13. 8). Received H.'s of

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[1] E litteris amici doctis. Thomæ Bakeri, S.T.B., dat. Martij 26, 1724.

Great regard is to be had to the way of writing words in old MSS. For wch reason I cannot here but remark wt I have noted ad Ciceronis Orat. pro A. Cluentio, § 63 (vel, ut Edd. vett., 176), we have in some MSS. at Oxford *ascla* for *assecla*.

April 3 (Good Fri.). I was well assur'd last Night by Mr. Francis Gwyn, A.B. and Fellow, and by Mr. Parsons, A.M. & Chaplain of All Souls College, that all Women wtsoever are prohibited to be in their College by their Statutes, wch certainly reaches all manner of Evasions, that even the Warden himself, or any besides, can pretend for the Warden's of that College marrying.

April 4 (Sat.). Yesterday I saw a Man who is pretty much at Cassenton. He told me they have a Notion at Cassenton that tho' it be in Oxfordshire, yet they formerly buried at Cumnore in Berks., and that there is still an old way leading from Cassenton towards Cumnore, wch is even now call'd often the Church way.

April 5 (Easterday). On Sunday, Feb. 2 last, were consecrated Dr. Henry Egerton, Bp of Hereford, & Dr. Richard Smalbroke, Bp of St. David's, in Lambeth Chappel, at which time the Consecration Sermon was preached there by Sam. Croxall, M.A., Vicar of Hampton, and Chaplain in ordinary to K. George (as they stile the Duke of Brunswick), & 'tis published by order of the Archbp of Cant. 'Tis upon 1 Tim. iv. 6; Lond., pr. 1724, 4°.

April 6 (Mon.). Mr. John Murray of London, in a Letter dated at London, April 2d last, tells me he hath a printed Rastall's Chronicle, but that it hath neither the first, nor several of the last leaves, it ending with Edw. the 4.

April 7 (Tu.). Last Friday Mr. Samuel Parker of Oxford told me that that week had been with him Mr. Henry Dodwell (eldest son of the late famous Mr. Henry Dodwell), being entered commoner of Magdalen Hall, and that Mr. Keen, Fellow of Magd. Coll. (who is to look after him), was with him. His Mother intended him to be of Magd. Coll., but they do not admitt of Commoners there. See Vol. 96, Apr. 21.

April 8 (Wed.). Yesterday called upon me Edward Alexander, of Drs.' Commons, Esq. This Gentleman is Brother to Dr. Gibson, the Provost of Queen's Coll. Wife. He had a Son, a Gentleman Commoner lately of Queen's College.

March 9. Will return Macrobius, as soon as Dr. Mead gives him leave to return home into Wiltshire.

April 6, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 160). Will be glad to run over J. M.'s copy of Rastall's Chronicle. Account of payments received for Robert of Gloucester.

April 7, 1724. H. to R. Bridges (Diaries, 103. 23). Was much concerned to hear of the death of R. B.'s brother. He had more than once complained of his health to H. Hopes his collections may still be applied to the benefit of the public. Wants to know what to do with the copies of Robert of Gloucester he subscribed for.

He was acquainted with my worthy Friend, John Bridges, Esq. He told me that Mr. Bridges had ordered by Will that his Books, wch is a fine Collection, should be sold by Auction, but that his MSS. Collections & Papers relating to the Antiquities of Northamptonshire should remain and continue in the Family, to be published when any one of the Family should arise that was capable of the Work.

He told me that Clapcot, by Wallingford, was the same with Molines's House. He said an old Man at Wallingford, near fourscore Years of Age, told him that Molines's House was beat down in the war time by the Governour of Wallingford Castle, and that, too, when Molines was at dinner with the Governour. For the Governour, having invited Molines to dinner, ordered four of his Men to shoot the House down, without Molines's Privity, as they were at dinner. After they had dined, he desired Mr. Molines to walk out, and he would shew him a fine sight. When he came out, the sight was ye Destruction of his own House, wch must needs be a great Astonishmt to him.

He told me that at Southcot (near Reading), a little Place, is buried Henry Alexander, Esq., who died in 1607, but that this is not noted in the 3 Volumes called *The Antiquities of Berkshire.* This Edward Alexander, Esq., is of a Collateral Branch of that Henry Alexander.

He told me that in Queen's Coll. Library is a fol. MS. containing the Genealogies of Essex, and that 'tis done well.

April 9 (Th.). Mist's Journal, Saturd., Apr. 4, 1724:—

They write from Derby that Mr. Statham, Son of Sir John Statham, and Mr. Bateman, a Lawyer, quarrel'd at an Inn in that Town, and, in the Yard, Mr. Statham took hold of Mr. Bateman, having his Sword behind him drawn, & stabb'd him, who died soon after; upon which the said Statham took Horse and rode off.

NB. The said Mr. Statham was Gentleman Commoner of Wadham College lately, and is one of those that made a work when he was of the College in Catstreet, Oxford, which I think I have mentioned at that time. He is a very quarrelsome young Gentleman, & hath been guilty of many very bad Actions.

Yesterday Morning died Richard Meredith, M.D. & Fellow of St. John's Coll., Oxon., a very hard Drinker. He took the Degree of M.A., March 16, 1705.

April 10 (Fri.). On Tuesday last died Mr. Tho. Ashburn, M.A. and Fellow of Lincoln Coll., and Curate of Combe, near Woodstock. He took his M.A.'s degree, Apr. 2, 1712. There was another Ashburne (viz. Solomon) of that Coll., who was fellow of that Coll., & went out Bach. of D., Dec. 12, 1706, who died just after he had married a very jolly, handsome young Woman [. . . .], wch young Woman was after married to, and is now living with, Mr. S. Wilmot, Bookseller in Oxford.

On Aug. 10, 1723, died Francis Loder of Lechlade, in the 71 Year of

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April 10, 1724. H. to R. Bridges (Rawl. 13. 121). Thanks for 'grateful concern.' His brother's Northamptonshire Collections are to be preserved in the family, but his library is to be sold. Wants account of subscriptions owing to H.

his Age, being born in May, 1652. He was a covetous, miserly man, and died rich. He cheated his own Nephew, Mr. John Loder, first of Edm. Hall, afterwards of Gloucester Hall. He died a Batchelour. He was of Edm. Hall, where he took the degree of M.A., June 16, 1677, to the Library of wch Hall, I think, he gave five pounds, and five shillings towards the Cellar of the same Hall. He died in debt to his foresaid Nephew, Mr. John Loder, 409 libs. 5s. ¾[d.], which his Executrix declines paying. His Executrix is his (Francis Loder's) own Sister. 'Tis said he died worth 2000 libs., tho' 'tis thought he was worth much more. The said Mr. John Loder's Father, who was elder Brother to Francis, died Sept. 14, 1723, leaving his said Son John Executor, tho' there be an elder Son.

Mr. Seymour Loder, M.A., lately of Edm. Hall, married not long agoe the eldest Daughter of Charles Loder, of Hinton in Berks., Esq. She is about 22 Years old. She had a thousand Pounds left her by a Grandfather. She will have, in all probability, a good fortune, if she survives her Father. Her Father hath an Estate of about 800 libs. per an., & if he lives, he will have 14 or 1500 libs. per an. He hath three Daughters besides, and a Son, who was very lately a Commoner of Exeter Coll., and married at that time, when he was Commoner, the Daughter of a Coffee Woman at the Turl Gate in Oxford, that hath neither Sense, beauty, nor Money, tho' the young man, I am told, hath an Estate that is come to him by some Relation. As for the beforementioned Seymour Loder, who is Minister of two Places, he went to School at Christ-Church School, from whence he was entered Commoner of Edm. Hall, soon after wch a Woman, of near fourty Years of Age, if not quite fourty, with whom he boarded when he was a school boy, laid a Bastard to him. No one doubted him to be the Father, tho' the woman was condemn'd as trepanning a young boy. The woman is since dead, but the Child, a Girl (that is pretty), is living.

April 11 (Sat.). Dr. Meredith of St. John's Coll. was buried last Night in the College Chappel.

On Sunday last Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart (Member of Parliament for the City of Chester), was married to the only Daughter of Sir George Warburton, Bart.; her Fortune is said to be 12000 l.

On Friday sev'night died, at her House on Turnham Green, Mrs. Drake, Mother to Montague Gerard Drake, Esq., Member of Parl. for Bucks., a Lady of great Liberality and Charity to the Poor of all Sorts.

April 12 (Sun.). The Repeater of the 4 Easter Sermons before the Univ. this day was Mr. Jackson of Queen's Coll. The first was preached on Good Friday, at Christ Church, by Mr. Davies of that Coll. The second on Easter day, at St. Peter's in the East, by Mr. Holmes of St. John's. The 3d on Easter Mond., by Mr. Atkinson of Queen's. The 4th on Easter Tuesd., by Mr. Jackson (who is the Repeater) of that College. I hear he did it well.

April 13, 1724. H. to R. Bridges (Diaries, 103. 32). 'The more I think of my worthy Friend, your Brother, the more I lament his Death. I had heard before your Letter . . . came that his Library is to be sold. I

April 14 (Tu.). Last Night Mr. Whiteside, Keeper of the Ashm. Muséum, just let me see a long Box, in wch he said were several Bundles of Letters to and from Ant. à Wood, but, indeed, he did not so much as shew me the writing in one of them, being then in hast, and having not look'd them over himself. He said he had got this Box and the Letters out of Dr. Charlett's Study, as Papers that belong'd, by Ant. à Wood's Gift, to the Muséum. How this appears, I know not, tho' to make the matter out, Mr. Whiteside went with Mr. Brown Willis to Dr. Tanner lately, and the Dr. telling them that they did belong to the Muséum, Mr. Whiteside thereupon went to the Vice-Chanc., Dr. Mather, & representing the matter to him, it seems they were demanded as Muséum Papers of Mr. Rawlins, Dr. Charlett's Administrator, wch, if true, it shews Charlett to have been a Knave in detaining Things that were none of his own, as this does also, that he never would permitt Ant. à Wood's English Book of the Hist. and Antiq. of Oxford, in two Volumes, wch he had in his hands many years, & wch Dr. Tanner did, and does still, aver belong'd to the Muséum, to be put in its proper Place, tho' it be put in the very first part of the printed Catalogue as a Muséum Book, of Ant. à Wood's gift, but instead of this, Dr. Charlett delivered it up to Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls, who now hath it, from whom, nevertheless, it ought to be recovered, & I did hear Mr. Willis say, when he was last in Town, in presence of Mr. Whiteside, that he would go on purpose to Dr. Gardiner about it. There are many other Books & Things that Dr. Charlett is said and suspected to have withheld & dispos'd of of Anthony's.

April 15 (Wed.). On Monday, the 13th inst., died of a good old Age, being about fourscore, Mrs. Anne Wells, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., leaving what she had to Mr. Chittell, her Nephew, Town Clerk of Oxon. She had Houses in Oxon., in one of wch, in Catstreet, by Hart Hall, lived with her formerly Mr. Emanuel Pritchard, Janitor of the Bodlejan Library, and 'twas there that he died almost twenty Years ago, being upwards of seventy, & is buried in St. Peter's Ch. in the East, leaving near two hundred Pounds to Mr. Martin, V. Principal of Hart-Hall, of wch Pritchard had been a Member, wearing, after he belong'd to the Library, a Civilian's Gown. Some Part of this Money was converted by Mr. Martin, a very honest Man, to the building of a Library or room for Books in the Hall. Mr. Pritchard

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wish all the Books might be kept together, the Collection being certainly very curious. On the 27th of July last, he informed me by letter that he had ordered an exact Plan of Cæsar's Camp . . . in Windsor Forest . . . to be taken, . . . and that he should be inclin'd to be at the expence of ingraving it, if I should think it proper to be inserted in my next Book. I easily consented to this kind and generous offer, and whereas I hear it is ingrav'd, if it be transmitted, I shall take care to publish it in the manner he intended. He talk'd of writing some observations about it.' Annexes names of 17 subscribers, for whom Mr. John Bridges was concerned. Has received 13 guineas, and 13 are due.

April 13, 1724. R. Gray to H. (Rawl. 15. 39). Can learn nothing about the writer of the MSS. notes to Sir James Dalrymple's edition of Camden's Description of Scotland. Will inquire further.

gave also a great deal, as 'twas commonly said, to the said Mrs. Wells, to whom many us'd to say, and others were wont to believe, that he was married[1].

On Friday last, Apr. 10, was an Election at Oriel Coll. for two more Fellowships that were void. Tho' there were two elected by a Majority of Fellows, viz. 8 to 2, yet the Provost, who did not vote at all, would not admitt them, but exercised his Negative, like a Villain as he is, by saying, *non assentio*, so that there is now more work for Law. The two that were against the 8 are Bowles (that horrid, impudent, sawcy Rascal) and Makepeace.

Yesterday happening to meet Dr. Tanner, I ask'd him wt there is in the Letters that Mr. Whiteside hath got into the Muséum of Ant. à Wood's. He said just nothing, but being part of Anthony's Vouchers, they may be kept, tho' otherwise not fit to be preserv'd.

April 16 (Th.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon (it being the first day of Easter Term), was a Convocation, in wch the old Proctors laid down their Office (and the Senior of them made a Speech, as usual), and the new ones (for the Year 1724), viz. Mr. Le Hunt of Christ Church and Mr. Ayres of All Souls College, were admitted.

April 17 (Fri.). From Rub. 65 of New College Statutes, it appears that the great & principal Gate (being the West gate) of the sd Coll., & the little gate in it, and also the outer gate there ought to be shut every day immediately after Sun Set, & to continue so 'till day break the next morning, *& seratæ permaneant usque ad auroram diei sequentis.* The East Gate of the Quadrangle is to be shut every night immediately an hour after Sun Set, and not to be opened till morning, *& clausa maneat usque mane.* Upon extraordinary occasions the gates need not be shut so soon, or they may be opened upon those occasions, to be approved of by the Warden or Subwarden, and in their absence by the Deans and Bursars.

April 18 (Sat.). Being last night with Mr. Kimber of Holywell, he told me that he had lately lent him an imperfect English Chronicle in the black letter, in a pot fol., but that he could not tell who the Author was. I am to see this Chronicle when I next see him at his house. 'Tis likely to be Grafton's[2].

April 19 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal, Sat., Apr. 18, 1724:—

They write from Calais that George Turville, of the Middle-Temple, Esq., returning in September last from France, happen'd to pass by the Place where

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April 16, 1724. H. to [A. Francke] (Rawl. 13. 10). Glad A. F. has opportunities of returning Macrobius. 'Tho' I have not seen your Edition of this Author, yet I suppose it was long ago printed, or at least made quite ready by you for the press.'

April 16, 1724. S. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 106). Glad the 'old Poetical Historian' is so near publication. Please enter the Hon. Sir Robert Raymond, judge of the King's Bench, among subscribers.

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[1] She was buried in All Hallows' Church Yard, late this Evening.
[2] NB. 'Tis Hall's.

the English Gentlemen were murther'd, a few Hours after the said Murther was committed, while the dead Bodies stript naked by the Country People yet lay in the high Road, upon which, out of Humanity to his unfortunate Friends and Countrymen, and to perpetuate the Memory of so transcendent a Villany, he gave orders for erecting a Monument of black Marble, in Form of a Pyramid, after the manner of that called the Cestian Monument at Rome, on the Spot where the Murther happen'd, with the Privity of Sir Thomas Sebright, the Participation of the King's Ministers at Paris, and the entire Approbation of his most Christian Majesty's Governors, &c., of the Province; but upon Condition that nothing should be inscribed thereon but a bare Narrative of the Matter of Fact, out of an Apprehension that something might be said injurious to France, and insinuating national Reflections. On the Western Front of the Pyramid, towards the High-way, is the following Inscription, *viz.*

Sta, Viator, & advorte,
An. Sal. Hum., &c.

Which is thus rendered into English: 'Stand still, Traveller, and observe: In the Year 1723, the 11th of the Calends of October, about Four o' Clock in the Afternoon, E. Sebright, and H. Monpesson, Esqrs, Youths accomplished in themselves, and of distinguish'd Extraction among the English, being fatally curious of visiting foreign Countries, were travelling, but certainly with adverse Omens, to Paris, when 7 Robbers, Confederates in Rapine, Slaughter, and every Thing villainous, surprising them in this Place, unarm'd as they were, and unprepar'd for Defence, after pillaging them of their Goods and Money, then mangling them with a Variety of Wounds, at length, with impious Hands, murther'd them. There perished at the same time two other Gentlemen, J. Davies and J. Locke, Sharers of the same cruel Misfortune, and butcher'd in the same Manner, with dishonest Wounds. Two other common Persons, the one a Servant, the other a Peasant, involv'd in the same bloody Execution, miserably lost their Lives. Proceed now, and compassionate their Misfortunes.'

On the Northern Front, towards Calais:—

Occisorum contaminato hoc Cespite, &c.

English'd thus: 'G. Turville, Esq., who had seen lying on this polluted Spot of Ground the dead Bodies of the murther'd Persons, a dreadful Spectacle! order'd this Pyramid to be erected at his own Expence, as a Monument of his Piety to his Countrymen, to the Intent that so execrable an Action of the Ruffians, as well as the disastrous End of Men undeserving of so severe a Fate, might be transmitted to Posterity. A Fate! to be lamented, not by the pompous Ornaments of Language, but the silent Eloquence of Tears.'

On the Southern Front, towards Boulogne, is this Inscription:—

Par Permission De Monseigneur le Duc de Humieres, &c.

That is, 'By Permission of the Duke de Humieres, Governor for his Majesty in the High and Low Boulognois, of the Bishop of Boulogne, and of the Marquis de Colembere, Lieutenant.'

The same Letters further add that the Bishop of Boulogne (the Murther having been committed within the Dependence of that City) kindly offered, in case it had been judged necessary, to send an Order to the Curate of the Village to go in Procession, at the Head of his Parishioners, in a solemn manner, to bless the Cross on the Top of the Pyramid, in order to procure it a greater Veneration from the Country, the King's People.

Out of the same Journal:—

Samuel Trefusis, Esq., formerly Member of Parl. for Penryn, died lately.

LIBRARY.

This Gent. was Gentleman-Commoner of Edm. Hall when I first came to Oxford.

April 23 (Th.). Yesterday I call'd at Mr. Kymber's, and he shew'd me the old Chronicle I have mentioned last Sat. It is Edw. Halle's, but wants the beginning and some of the Index at the End, otherwise 'tis a good Copy. Some body hath mark'd the Years in several Places with a Pen.

April 24 (Fri.). The old Well on the East Side of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, near Oxford, is call'd Crowwell. New College Queristers us'd formerly to sing every Year an hymn there in the Morning. Mr. Gadbury, as I remember, mentions this in one of his Almanacks. Some Years agoe, the late old Mr. Clements of Oxford bought a Study of Books for 24 libs. that would be worth now 150, if not 200, libs. I saw a Catalogue of them Yesterday, priz'd by the said Mr. Clements himself, & even, according to his own prizes, they were sold by him for 100 libs. or more. There were many Books of English History and Antiquities among them. Among others, there was a Fabian's Chronicle, priz'd by him at 3s., Hollingshead's Chron., the 2d Ed. in 2 Vols., priz'd 30s., *Scriptores post Bedam*, priz'd at 1 lib. Mr. Browne Willis, then a young Man, bought several of the Engl. History & Antiquity Books. There was also among them Hall's Chron.

Mr. Richd Clements, Son of the said old Mr. Clements, told me Yesterday that Bleau's Atlass was lately sold in London for 40 libs.

April 25 (Sat.). On Sat., the 18th inst., I bought of Mr. Fletcher, an Oxford Bookseller, Gruter's Inscriptions for two Guineas. It

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April 21, 1724. H. to [Mrs. Amy Frewin] (Rawl. 34. 102). 'I recd on the 18th inst. your present of a broken Box, and many broken Books in it, for wch I thank you. In one of the Books I found a Note, which, indeed, I do not understand. I am very sensible of your sufferings, so that 'tis not right in you to say I am not. I, upon proper occasions, shew a particular concern in that matter to Friends. Your insinuating, nay, asserting, that I am not sensible is as bad as your saying that your Brother was the Author of the *Antiquities of Glastonbury*. That Book was done by a most worthy Gentleman, now dead. He had a great respect for you, and so (I believe) you had for him; but I am not to tell his Name.'

April 21, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 162). On the 18th received four guineas for various subscriptions for Robert of Gloucester. Mr. Rance has just finished. Thanks for loan of Rastall's Chronicle: it will be of use in his next work.

April 22, 1724. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 103. 48). Robert of Gloucester being finished, will get the copies bound and dispersed as soon as possible. 'Peter of Langtoft requires a Glossary as well as Robert of Gloucester; . . . had I thought of Langtoft when I begun Robert, both Glossaries might have been brought into one.' Since Mr. Bridges is dead, is uncertain of getting so many subscriptions for Langtoft, and therefore thinks of printing fewer copies than of Robert of Gloucester. Wants R. M.'s opinion.

April 23, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 8). Directions for sending Robert of Gloucester. If he meets with anything about Robert of Brunne or Peter Langtoft, will acquaint H. Sends copy of the Inscription at King's College. [See Diary, April 27.]

belong'd to the Late Dr. Covell, whose Books & Medals, &c., were lately sold by Auction in London. These Inscriptions used formerly to be sold for at least 5 Guineas. Nor hath the 2d Edition (for wch they ask about 8 Guineas), in wch Boissardus is printed at large, & some other Additions made, at all lessened the Value or Goodness of the former, the 1st Ed. being the authentick one, & preferr'd to the second, upon many accounts, by divers learned Men. The late Dr. Francis Carsewell, Vicar of Bray in Berks., had one of the old Ed., wch he us'd to value at 14 or 15 libs., tho' it was nothing but a common, plain Copy. Mr. Dodwell & Mr. Cherry (neither of wch learned Men had one) borrow'd it once of him for about a Month.

April 26 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal, April 25, 1724:—

The Reverend Mr. Strype, a great Historian and Antiquary, Author of the Life of Archbishop Grindal, hath resign'd his Lecture at St. John's at Hackney, on Account of his great Age and Infirmities, being above 80 Years, and great Interest is making for that Lectureship, being one of the best about this City.

April 27 (Mon.). Yesterday Morning preached at Xt Ch. Dr. Tanner. I am told he made a good, practical Sermon. He went for London this Morning, in order to go from thence to Norwich.

The Inscription at K. College in Cambridge, mentioned above, pag. 15, is as follows, as it was sent me by Mr. Baker, in a Letter of the 23d instant:—

Qui Antiquitatis olim studiosus,
Dum Rudera perscrutabitur,
Hanc Laminam Saxo inclusam forte eruet,
Sciat hunc Lapidem
Temporibus Henrici Sexti
Hujus Collegij Fabricæ destinatum;
Ubi vero primum res turbidæ,
Dein Mors atrocissima
Optimi istius Principis,
Operi inchoato longam injecisset moram,
Exinde in adjacenti Areâ
Per tertium jam fere Sæculum,
Si qua Traditioni fides
Qua Hiatus Lamellam excipit,
Semi-serratum jacuisse:
Nunc denique xxvo die Martij,
Anno Salutis humanæ MDCCXXIV,
Regni autem Excellentissimi Regis
Georgij xo,
Novis Auspicijs redintegrato opere,
Qui in priori Structurâ
Nullum invenerat Situm,
Ab hoc Exordium sumpsisse
Occidentale Magni Atrij latus.
Quid ipsum Collegium huic Operi contulerit,
Quibus Subsidijs adjutum,
Quosve habuerit Fautores,
Tam solennis Commemoratio,
Quam Monumenta Literaria,
Hoc Ære perenniora,
Posteris notum facient.

April 28 (Tu.). Dr. Tanner, during his last being in Oxford, spent all the time he could in looking over the old Writings relating to Osney Abbey, &c., that are now at Christ Church.

He said that the new Edition he designs, and wch is almost ready for the Press, of his *Notitia Monastica* will make two hundred Sheets in a Pot Folio.

Yesterday, at 4 Clock in the Afternoon, died Madam Frampton, Wife of Dr. Frampton (late Fellow of Magd. Coll.), of Magdalen Parish, Oxon. She died of a Dropsy in the Stomach, having been also much afflicted with the Gout. She was about 34 Years of Age. Her Mother, Widow of the late Dr. Baptista Levins, Bp of Man, lives now in Oxford, in the Gravel Walk by Magdalen Coll. This Madam Frampton, known, when she was a Virgin, by the Name of pretty Molly Levins, was a very handsome, comely young Woman when she married the Dr., but the Dr. being much older than she, and neither handsome nor good natured, she never had any great Affection for him. [.....] She left behind her one Child by him, a boy of but a sickly Constitution.

April 29 (Wed.). Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me, on Mond. last, that he gave to the late Dr. Charlett, The Statutes of the Convent of De la Trap in France. He also gave him Tho. à Kempis in French, bound by one of the Fathers of that Convent. The Fathers of the said Convent are never to speak to any man.

Minshieu's Dictionary is an excellent, usefull book. I bought it lately, as printed in 1627, for 3s. 6d., and had another offered me at the same price, tho' it had been sold, as appear'd by a Note at ye beginning, for 1 lib. 10s.

Dr. Frampton was married to Mrs. Molly Levins on Friday, May 30, 1707, she being then about 16 or 17 Years of Age, as I have observ'd, Vol. xiv, p. 73. There is a Poem in Matt. Prior's Poems, call'd *Paullo Purganti*, worth reading, that they us'd to say exactly answered the Dr. and this gay, airy Lady.

Mr. Tayler of Univ. Coll. told me last Night that Dr. Clavering told him that Dr. Tanner, Chanc. of Norwich, declared that he much wondered at the Explication Mr. Denison and his Friends put upon the Clause about *Electio Canonica* in Univ. Coll. Statutes. He said there were three Canonical Elections, *Electio per inspirationem*, *Electio per compromissum*, & *Electio per scrutinium*. The two former were exploded long since; the latter holds, & Mr. Cockman was therefore legally, fairly, and canonically elected, as having the greater Number of Votes.

April 30 (Th.). Dr. Baptista Levins (that was Bp of Man, and Madam Frampton's Father) was a very handsome, but, withall, a very

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April 28, 1724. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 96). Is going to drink the waters at Scarborough at the end of next week. If Robert of Gloucester cannot be sent by then, wants it kept until he returns in July. Will send subscriptions by his servant to-morrow.

April 30, 1724. H. to F. Lewis (Pencil draft, Rawl. 39. 117). Though he has not been paid for it, doubts not that F. L. received his copy of Heming,

proud Man, as is also his Widow a proud Woman. He died in the latter End of the year 1692.

Formerly it was usual to be buried in winding sheets without Coffins, and the Bodies were laid on Biers. And this Custom was practis'd about three score Years agoe, tho' even then persons of Rank were buried in Coffins, unless they ordered otherwise. Thomas Neile, of Hart Hall in Q. Eliz.'s time, is represented in a winding Sheet in Cassington Church. It seems, therefore, he was not buried in a Coffin, especially since his Effigies in the Winding Sheet there was put up in his Life time. In the monkish times Stone Coffins were much in vogue, especially for Persons of Quality, and for those other distinguishing Titles, such as Archbps, Bps, Abbats, Abbesses, &c. Even many of the inferior Monks were sometimes so buried, tho' otherwise the most common way was a winding Sheet. Yet even many Persons of distinction, instead of Coffins, were wrapt up in Leather, as were Sir Wm Trussel & his Lady, Founders of Shottesbrooke Church & Chantry in Berks., as may be seen in my Ed. of Leland's Itinerary, & 'twas in such leathern Sheets, or Bags, that others were put that were layd in the Walls of Churches.

May 2 (Sat.). Meeting yesterday with Mr. Francis Heywood, the Atturney, of Holywell, who hath got a good Estate at Forresthill, near Oxford, he told me that the Prior of Littlemore had a House, in wch he us'd to live, at Stanton St. John's, and that there was there a Chappel

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sent on July 2 last. Has printed Robert of Gloucester, and is now working at Peter Langtoft.

April 30, 1724. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 142). Has written to Mr. Bridges' brother, and finds there is no reason to fear that the subscriptions will not be continued. Advises H. to print about as many copies of Langtoft as of Robert of Gloucester.

April 30, 1724. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 108). Remarks on several MSS. relating to St. Cuthbert, &c.

May 1, 1724. H. to Mrs. Dodwell (Diaries, 103. 60). Thanks for the 23*s*. for Heming's Chartulary. 'Mr. Dodwell writ a Dissertation upon Theophilus Antiochenus. He had two Copies; one he kept himself, the other he communicated to Mr. Schelwig, a forreign Gentleman, whom I knew some Years ago in Oxford. Mr. Schelwig had undertaken a new Ed. of Theophilus, and designed, or, at least, promised, to print this Dissertation in it, and Mr. Dodwell communicated it for that very end. I find there is lately come out a new Ed. of Theophilus, not by Mr. Schelwig, but by his Friend & Acquaintance, Mr. Wolfius, who was at the same time in Oxford with Mr. Schelwig. The Edition . . . is dedicated to Mr. Schelwig, but there is nothing in it of the Dissertation, wch I thought proper to acquaint you with.'

May 1, 1724. H. to Lord Lichfield (Rawl. 39. 117). Wants directions for sending Robert of Gloucester.

May 1, 1724. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 94). Directions for sending the 17 copies of Robert of Gloucester. Has already the promise of seven subscribers for Langtoft: doubts not most of the others will be ready to encourage H.'s laborious undertakings. The plate of Cæsar's Camp was engraved, but can't find any observations of his brother's on it. When it comes to hand, it may be of service in the preface to H.'s next work.

May 2, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 164). Thanks for two guineas received to-day. The books will not be ready until the week after next.

also, as appear'd from old Writings, and that certain Tiths belong'd to this Chappel. I perceiv'd by his Discourse that the ground now belongs to him, & that he claims the Tithes.

He said also that from the same Writings it appear'd that Littlemore Priory was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. This must be, therefore, the Preceptory of Sandford, as I take it, for the Minshery was a Nunnery dedicated to S^{t}. Nicholas, unless there was a 3^{d} House distinct from both.

Meeting t'other day with M^{r}. Dodwell, the Lawyer, a young Man whose Father died lately, I told him I heard he had some old Coyns, and I mention'd M^{r}. Heywood's Name, at w^{ch} he seem'd angry. Upon w^{ch} I mention'd the same Yesterday to M^{r}. Heywood, who told me Dodwell did not care to hear of these old Coyns, because his (Dodwell's) Father came by them very unhandsomely. For, being then Undersheriff when M^{r}. Beauchamp of Trinity College died, he got these Coyns (w^{ch} are a great Number), as he was Undersheriff, for nothing, only as so much Brass, w^{ch} is look'd upon as a shamefull Thing, the Coyns being of very good value.

May 3 (Sun.). Yesterday, between 6 and 7 Clock in the Evening, was buried Madam Frampton in S^{t}. Peter's Church in the East, in the burying Place of the Hydes, by the Chancel. Her brother is also there buried. He was a pretty young Gent. of Magd. Coll., & died Nov. 3, 1706, in the 18th year of his Age. His Name was William Levinz. He died of a Feaver.

D^{r}. Humphrey Prideaux, who is now Dean of Norwich, was formerly, when Master of Arts, rector of Bladon, with the Chappel of Woodstock annex'd, in Oxfordshire, w^{ch} he resign'd in the beginning of the Year 1686, & was succeeded by M^{r}. Hersent, w^{ch} M^{r}. Hersent had a Son that was of Queen's Coll., Oxon., and married one of the Daughters of old D^{r}. Bourchier. As for D^{r}. Prideaux, while he was of Bladon, he was very little, or not at all, belov'd there, and was look'd upon as one of the worst, if not the very worst, Preacher in England, as I have often hear[d] several of the Inhabitants of Bladon and Woodstock say, who add that he was, withall, a very sour, ill temper'd, morose, proud Man, and that, for his bad preaching, it was a common saying there upon Sundays, *Who preaches to-day? Why, M^{r}. Prideaux. Then let us e'en go to bob-farthing in Burghley Wood.* Now, Burghley Wood is near Bladon, and thither they would commonly go to bob-farthing, or chuck-farthing, rather than hear their Parson, tho' a very learned Man.

May 4 (Mon.). On Thursday last the following Gentlemen of the

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Rastall proves of service. Has J. M. in his collection, 'The Order of the Hospitalls of K. Henry the viiith and K. Edward the vith, 1557, 8vo'?

May 2, 1724. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 19. 62). Has received the MS. of Robert of Gloucester, and returned it to the Heralds' Office. Has also received the MS. of Peter Langtoft from Mr. Bridges' executors, and will deliver it to Mr. Murray, to be sent to H.

May 3, 1724. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 130). Received letter of April 28. Directions for sending Robert of Gloucester. [PS.] Ld. Harley's service. He has received the MS. of Robert of Gloucester.

May 4, 1724. H. to R. Bridges (Diaries, 103. 67). Much obliged for

Long-Robe were called, at the Court of Common-Pleas, Westminster, to the State and Degree of Serjeants at Law :—

Of the Inner-Temple, Thomas Morley, Esq., Fettiplace Nott, Esq., Jos. Girdler, Esq., John Baynes, Esq., John Raby, Esq., John Comyns, Esq., William Hawkins, Esq.

Of the Middle-Temple, William Chappel, Esq., James Shepherd, Esq., Giles Eyre, Esq.

Of Lincoln's-Inn, Lawrence Carter, Esq., Matthew Skinner, Esq.

They were sworn in on Monday before, the Writs being returnable on the 27th. They were Coif'd on Thursday Morning by the Lord Chief Justice Prat, in the Inner-Temple-Hall, his Lordship being of that Inn; and from thence they walk'd to Westminster, with the usual Formalities; and after the Ceremony of the Call was over, they return'd to the Middle-Temple-Hall, where a sumptuous Entertainment was provided; to wch (says Mist's Journal) the King, the Prince, the Lords of the Privy-Council, the Lord-Chancellor, the Master of the Rolls, Judges, Serjeants, King's Council, Mr. Attorney, and Mr. Sollicitor-General were invited.

May 5 (Tu.). This Morning died of a Dropsy one Mrs. Eaton, Daughter of Mr. Eaton, a Brewer in St. Aldate's parish, Oxon. She died in St. Gyles's parish, where she hath lived for her health about half a year, tho' for several years (I think, 5 or 6) she had lived or sojourn'd in New-Inn Hall, in Dr. Brabourn the Principal of that Hall's Lodgings, whose Son, a Master of Arts, had pretended a great Fondness for her, & made her believe that he would marry her, but drove her off from time to time, wch contributed, in some degree, to the shortening of her life. Yet, when she was ill, he came much to her, & shew'd a great deal of Concern, on purpose to get of her what she had, and, it seems (as I hear), she has, accordingly, left all to him, wch are some Houses and some Money. She died in the 28th Year of her Age.

Mr. Somner, in his Saxon Dictionary, voc. oþer healfe, was very apprehensive that his Glossary to the X Scriptores would prove very scarce, and for that reason transcribes a passage there from it. And, indeed, it is scarce, the book with wch it is printed being now hard to meet with.

About a Fortnight agoe died Mr. Wm Penington, M.A., Rector of Yattington in Berks., and Vicar of Bramley in Hampshire. The former he had from the late Mr. Norris, of Weston, near Bister, the latter from Queen's College, of wch he had been fellow. He took the Degree of M.A., Apr. 14, 1698. He married his own Servant Maid, whom he hath left behind him, with several Children. He was a very hard Drinker, &

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kind assistance, and particularly for offering to disperse Robert of Gloucester. The books will be sent next week. If the plan of Cæsar's Camp come to hand, it shall be employed for the public service. [PS.] 'I should be glad to have some particular Account of your Brother, & of his last Sickness & Death.'

May 5, 1724. H. to R. Richardson (Diaries, 103. 69). Copies of Robert of Gloucester will be dispersed next week. Will find out Mr. Yarburgh. Is now printing Langtoft, as translated and improved by Robert of Brunne. Particulars about either author will be of service.

thereby kill'd himself. His Wive's Sister was servant to the late Dr. Pearson, Principal of Edm. Hall, & Rector of Sullhamstead Abbots. Dr. Pearson, tho' grievously afflicted with the Dead Palsey, had like to have married her, a Thing endeavour'd to be brought about by Mr. Pennington, but it was luckily prevented. Mr. Pennington died very poor, as did Dr. Pearson. Mr. Stephen Green, M.A. and Fellow of Queen's Coll., hath got Bramley, wch is look'd upon to be worth 200 libs. per annum.

May 6 (Wed.). Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me last night that Abbington's Antiquities of Worcestershire is look'd upon in that County as an extraordinary thing, that 'tis in a certain Gentleman's hands (a Roman Catholick) that will not let any one so much as see it, tho' once he offer'd it for five hundred Pounds, wch was look'd upon as so extravagant a Price that his Proposal was rejected with scorn. He would not so much as let Captain Stevens have any Thing from it (tho' a Man of his own perswasion) in his late Work of Abbies.

He said Mr. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., much commended the additional Notes to Gibson's Ed. of Quintilian, as printed at London, tho' the Book be incorrectly done. Quære whether this be not Obrechtus's Edition that Mr. Cockman meant, as I believe it is from Mr. Taylor's speaking of two Volumes, Obrechtus's Ed. being in two 4to Volumes, comprehending all Quintilian. Dr. Aldrich and others us'd to speak of Obrechtus's Ed. as well and judiciously done, tho' printed upon bad Paper. Dr. Aldrich had a design, if he had liv'd a little longer, to have printed the Inst. (after Obrechtus's Ed.) at Oxon. for a New-Year's Gift.

Browne Willis, Esq., hath given to the Muséum at Oxon. the printed Epitome of Camden, bound in 2 Vols, with MSS. Additions of his own, containing the Livings in the Bishop's Gift; but I hear his List is very faulty, and by no means is to be rely'd on [1].

May 7 (Th.). My Brother, Edmund Hearne, writes me word, in a Letter of the 5th inst. from Caversham, near Reading, that Mr. Brigam has the Writings relating to the Chappel (mentioned by Leland in his Itinerary) that formerly stood on Caversham Bridge, two Miles from Caversham Lodge.

Last Night, at eleven clock, Mrs. Eaton above mentioned (pag. 70) was buried in All-Hallowes' Church, Oxon.

May 7, 1724. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 59). Has at last procured Neville's Norvicus, and begs H.'s acceptance of it. Notes on other books he has procured. Asks H. to keep a large copy of Robert of Gloucester until he comes to Oxford in a fortnight's time. 'I am now settled in the Inner Temple, where is a good Library, the gift of Wm Pettyt, who had a fine Collection of things. I am now looking it over; if I find any thing worth Your notice, I will not fail to communicate it to You.' Subscribes for Langtoft, and any other works H. intends to publish. 'We have had a famous Sale lately, the Catalogue of which, with Nevill, I have sent, begging yr acceptance. I mett Mr. Greaves there, who is an Indefatigable Collector of Curiosities.'

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[1] I am told he hath since got the book away again.

Mr. Young, of Culham, near Abbington, is Steward to Sir Cecil Bishop, who is Landlord of the House in which Mr. Young lives. This House hath several Things of Antiquity in it, as I was told to-day by Mr. Kimber of Holywell, who said that it was the House in wch the Lord Abbat of Abbington used to dwell sometimes, and that one Mr. Bradshaw (a Roman Catholick also, as is Mr. Young) dwelt in it (and was Steward) before Mr. Young[1], and had many old Books and Writings, but Mr. Kimber knows not what became of them.

May 8 (Fri.). Some few Years agoe lodg'd at one Sadler a Taylour's by University Coll., one Mrs. Chambers, a pretty young Woman, that Mr. Bright, Fellow of All-Souls Coll., who is very lately preferr'd to a College Living, often visited, & pretended a great Affection for, and she had an extraordinary Kindness for him, thinking and believing that he would have married her. But at length, his Affection cooling, and he seeming to slight her, she thereupon grew melancholly, & fell into a Consumption, which ended her days. When she was upon her Death-Bed, he renew'd his Visits, came & sent to her very frequently, for no other end but to get what she had, wch accordingly she left him, being Money and a great deal of brave Linnen, &c.

From a Letter of my Ld Bruce's to Mr. Richd Clements, dated May 4, 1724, at Totenham Park. An Answer to be sent by Hungerford Bag :—

I have at my house at London a MSS. Chronicle writ by a Monk of Glastonbury Abbey, and also a Survey of the Estate of the same Abbey: perhaps it may be of use to Mr. Hearne in what he is about; if so, he shall have the use of them. Upon notice from you to me, any one sent by Mr. Hearne shall see them, applying themselves to Dr. Astrey, formerly of Merton Colledge. Mr. Christopher Bateman, in Pater Noster Row, has seen my 2 MSS. Direct for me at Totenham Park by Hungerford Bag.

May 9 (Sat.). Mist's Journal, May 9, 1724 :—

On Saturday last Dr. Lancelot Blackburn, Bishop of Exeter, kiss'd his Majesty's Hand for the Archbishoprick of York, in the room of the most Reverend Sir William Dawes, deceas'd, whose Corps was carried out of Town last Wednesday, to be interr'd at Cambridge, where the Remains of his Lady lie.

The said Sir William Dawes, Bart, died on Thursday, Apr. 30, of a Feaver, after a short Illness. He was a good Preacher, and a large, personable Man, but had no Courage. His Successor, Dr. Blackburn, is a most vile, scandalous, illiterate Man [. . . . . .

[May 8, 1724?] Mrs. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 110). 'Honovred Son in Law,—The bag came safe, and I Retvrn yov my hearty thanks for thes and all other kindneses. I have sent all thy father's papers and a fre [*sic*] quil. Sn, I desire yov will be pleas'd to fvlfill yovr father's will, when yov have Loocked them over to bvrn them. I shal be very glad to see yov. I shall have grass for yovr horse when ever you come.'

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[1] But Mr. Powell of Sandford told me, on the 8th inst., that 'twas not Mr. Bradshaw, but Mr. Jackson, that was Steward, & lived here, and that Bradshaw lived at Radley, & was never Steward that he knows of.

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He married Bp Talbot's Sister [. . . . . .]. Sir Wm Dawes died in the 53d Year of his Age. He was consecrated Bp of Chester, Febr. 8, 1707, & in Febr., 1714, was translated to York, upon ye Death of Dr. John Sharp.

May 10 (Sun.). Yesterday I saw in Oxford my Friend, Mr. Richard Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, who told me that Mr. James Woodman, a London Bookseller, is going to reprint Caxton's Chronicle. He also told me that the Latin Bible printed in Fol. at Mentz, 1462, was sold in the Sale of the Count de Brienne's Library, carrying on at London by the said Woodman, for 112 libs., being bought by my Ld Harley, and that other Books (the Library being extraordinary curious) bring vast Prizes. The sd Bible is in 2 Vols., Vellum, and is noted in the Catalogue to be the first Bible ever printed.

May 11 (Mon.). This day, in the Afternoon, was a very great Eclipse of the Sun, but not total at Oxford, as may appear from Dr. Halley's Scheme here inserted. Nor was the Weather at Oxford clear enough to make any distinct Observations. In the Southern Parts of England it was totally darkened, as it happened in the Month of April, 1715. It began about 40 Minutes past 5, the middle was about 36 Minutes after 6, and the end at about half hour after 7. The Northern Limb of the Shade entered the Kingdom on the West Part, near Montgomery, and pass'd to Leominster, Evesham, Oxford, and so on a little distant to the Southward of London; the Shadow at the same time extending it self Southward to Plymouth, Dartmouth, &c., and the Center thereof passing over Pembroke, and so in a direct Line to the Isle of Wight, and to Diepe in Normandy. It is remarkable that May 1st, 2d, and in the forenoon of May the 3d, the Weather was most sultry hot, but in the Afternoon of the said May 3d it immediately chang'd, & grew wonderfully cold, & so continued every Morning Frosty 'till the Eclipse, but the Eclipse being over, it was sultry hot again, & some time after, for several hours together, was very great Lightning and Thunder (but the Thunder was not very near Oxford), beginning about 10 Clock in the Evening, & continuing, as far as I could perceive, 'till 2 in the Morning, & after.

[The printed Chart of the Eclipse, by Edm. Halley, occurs here.]

May 12 (Tu.). On Friday last Dr. Waterland of Cambridge was incorporated Dr. of Div. of this Univ., being presented by Dr. De Laune, our Margaret Professor of Div. This Dr. Waterland is a learned Divine, & hath written several Books against Whiston, & other modern Arrians.

May 12, 1724. H. to Mrs. Amy Frewin (Rawl. 34. 103). Has to-day sent Robert of Gloucester in Mr. Murray's parcel. Is now doing Robert of Brunne's translation of Peter Langtoft. Would be glad of particulars about either author. [This letter is written on the blank sheet of the Advertisement of *Robert of Gloucester* and *Peter Langtoft*.]

May 12, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 166). Note of copies of Robert of Gloucester sent for various subscribers (named). Please deliver Mr. Anstis's book.

May 13 (Wed.). Yesterday I saw the Clarke of Bluberry in Berkshire, who told me that the Eclipse was not greater, as far as he could understand, there than it was at Oxford, being nothing near so dark as it was 9 Years agoe.

May 14 (Holy Th.). Last Night Mr. Wm Brome, of Ewithington, near Hereford, call'd upon me, & spent several hours with me. He told me that his Collections for the Antiquities of Herefordshire are as much printed, he believ'd, as ever they would be, thereby insinuating that he did not intend them for the Press at all, tho' he said that they are in a good manner digested and methodiz'd, so as 'tis easy now, upon occasion, to add any Thing to them.

He said Dr. Hickes, Dean of Worcester, after his Deprivation, spent more than a Year in his house, that he (Mr. Brome) look'd upon this as the best part of his Life, & that here the late Bp of St. David's, Dr. Adam Ottley, came acquainted with Dr. Hickes. He said the said Dr. Ottley was not only a very learned, but a wonderfull modest Man.

Mr. Brome hath got Gyraldus Cambrensis of Dr. Powell's Edition, with Ponticus Virunnius at the beginning, at the End of which Ponticus Virunnius is the following MS. Note: 'Θεῳ δόξα ἀμήν. Legi, nec video qua ratione improbetur hæc historia, cùm nil sapiat, quod non sit & probabile & possibile, non obstantibus invidiosis illis pseudepigraphis prolatis à Polydoro Virgilio & Guilielmo Cambdeno, Viris alioquin apprime doctissimis: uti sentio Ego, Dei servus humilimus his in studijs à pueritia versatus, Thomas Thompson, Rector Eccl. parochialis de Mountgomeria, 20° Febr., 1628°.' Immediately after which is a spare Leaf, on the backside of wch is this MS. Note in another hand: 'The beginning of the Giralds' family in Ireland was from one Girald, which tooke to wife Nesta, Sister to Gruffin the prince, of whom he begate a goodly, faire progeny, from whom descended Giraldus Cambrensis; Cambden. Britan., in Pembroksh., 652 P. Giraldus Cambrens. was Archdeacon of Brechnock, above 400 yeeres since; Cambden., in Brechnocksh., p. 627.'

Mr. Brome tells me that Browne Willis, Esq., hath got, among his Grandfather Dr. Willis's Observations, an Account of old Thomas Par upon his being dissected.

Mr. Brome hath abundance of Antiquities found at Kenchester, among wch is an old Gold Ornament for the Ear, as it seems, in wch is a sort of Emrald, wch seems to be Roman. [Drawing omitted.]

He hath also an ancient Gold Ring, dug up at Sutton's Walls, a famous Place in Herefordshire, where King Offa had a place. K. Ethelbert was murdered there. [Drawing omitted.] It was dug up about three Weeks agoe, & Mr. Brome purchas'd it of a Countryman. On the out side of the Ring is, *de part in sauz* (for *fauz*). On the inside, *de tout loial.* It is of no great Antiquity. It seems to have been a Serjeant's Ring, with his Poësy.

Mr. Brome told me to-day his Book of the Antiquities of Herefordshire is a Folio, and I am apt to think 'tis large.

May 14, 1724. **Sir H. Sloane to H.** (Rawl. 16. 73). Sends subscription-money for Robert of Gloucester and Langtoft.

May 15 (Fri.). Mr. Brome told me Yesterday that the late Bp Ottley was an excellent Canonist and Civilian, and that he was a very good Antiquary, and a polite Scholar, that he had a very good study of Books, among wch were many scarce ones, all wch were sold to somebody in London.

May 16 (Sat.). The Matter of Oriel College being lodg'd in the Common Pleas, it is so far gone against the Provost that it is there determin'd that the Bp of Lincoln (to whom the Provost had left it) is not local Visitor of the College, but the King, and that the Bp is only Diocesan Visitor, as Oxford (when Oriel College was founded) was in Lincoln Diocess. In this Affair the Recorder of Oxford, Serjeant Skinner, did the College very great Service.

This Morning, about 8 Clock, died of the small Pox the Honble Mr. Lee, Brother to the Rt Honble the Earl of Litchfeild, at his Chambers in Corpus Xti Coll., Oxon., of wch House he was Gentleman Commoner. It broke out upon him on Wednesday last was Sennight. He was a sweet natur'd, pretty young Gentleman, & his Death is much lamented.

May 17 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal, Sat., May 16, 1724:—

They write from Market Lavington in Wiltshire that, in the Night between the 5th and 6th of this Instant, a violent Fire broke out in that Town, which consumed 32 Houses, and burnt with such Rapidity and Fierceness, by reason of a strong Easterly Wind, that few of the Sufferers had time to save so much as their wearing Apparel.

Last Week the Archbishop of York was interr'd at the Chappel belonging to Katharine-Hall, Cambridge, with great Solemnity. Dr. Snape, Vice-Chancellour, who officiated at the Funeral, walk'd before the Corps, with the Mace carry'd before him. The following Heads of Colleges held up the Pall, viz. Dr. Bennet of Trinity, Dr. Ashton of Jesus, Dr. Savage of Emanuel, Dr. Jenkins of St. John's, Dr. Edmondson, President of Katharine-Hall, and Dr. Warren, President of Trinity-Hall. Chief Mourner, Sir William Milner, his Grace's Son-in-Law, who was follow'd by the Archbishop's Domestick Officers, and after them came the Fellows & Scholars.

Extract of a Letter, dated the 11th Instant, N. S., from *Spindelow*, Servant

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May 15, 1724. T. Granger to H. (Rawl. 15. 33). Received Robert of Gloucester, and has ordered his nephew to pay subscription for Langtoft.

May 15, 1724. C. Gray to H. (Rawl. 15. 37). 'I am much obliged by yor kind favour of the 29 April, in which you make mention of the roll I had the pleasure of communicating to You, & which I perceive you'll shortly publish. I shall not trouble you with any thing to observe on that Occasion, but just as I told you in my former letter; for if there was no other Obstacle, I am too much engag'd in busy life ever to make any Appearance in the learned world, or to merit the Mention of my name in it.'

May 16, 1724. P. Le Neve to H. (Diaries, 103. 108b). Would be glad to know what is said in H.'s MSS. (noted on p. 640 of the Glossary to Robert of Gloucester) about Hycophrix, 'the famous champion of Mersh-land in Norff.' Sir Henry Spelman's and Mr. Weever's are the most probable opinions of the fable. Much more on same subject.

May 16, 1724. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 133). Received letter and book. Has asked Dr. Stratford to pay. Any further books will come safely with Ld. Harley's.

to Mr. *Sebright*, who was sent for t'other Day to confront the Highwaymen imprisoned at *Paris*, as mention'd in our former:—

When I waited on the President of Calais, he told me that two of the Murderers were in Goal at Paris, and that here were 22 Witnesses gone thither to confront them. On my Journey I met Mr. Locke's Postillion returning from that City, who told me that he had sworn to the Man that kill'd his Master, and that some of our Things are found upon him. I am obliged to go my Journey without a Guard. Mr. Locke's Servant is all the Company I have. We have taken Care to get us three Brace of Pistols to defend our selves, if there should be occasion.

May 18 (Mon.). Yesterday Mr. Lee of Corpus Xti Coll. was carried out of Oxford, & buried in Spelsbury Church, near Woodstock.

On Friday last Dr. Harrison, Camden Reader of History, read a Lecture, being his second time of Reading, notwithstanding he hath had the Place so long. He was difficultly brought to it, & some say he will read no more, gathering it from his Lecture, in wch he spoke of the Division of History, & propos'd reading Lucius Florus, ordering his Auditors to bring their Florus with them, & Pen, Ink, & Paper, & to write down his Lectures or Explications. This is what I was told last Night.

May 19 (Tu.). Last Night I saw & spent several hours with Captain Bartlett, an half pay Officer of Bracknell, near Ockingham in Berks. He was an intimate Acquaintance of the late John Bridges, Esq. He told me that Mr. Bridges's Will was made last August, & that 'tis in several Respects whimsical. It appears from the Rings that Mr. Bridges died in the 57 Year of his Age. He said that Mr. Bridges gave but 3 Rings by his Will, one of wch was for the Earl of Oxford, a 2d for the Ld Harley, & the 3d for .... He said that he had left his two Clarks, that writ & transcribed & collected Things for him, Pensions for Life, viz. to Mr. de la Mott 50 libs. per an., & to one Sliford 40 libs. per an., and that they are to assist in his Affairs always, particularly such as shall undertake to digest and methodize his Papers. He said he left his Sister but 20 libs. & but 400 libs. to a beloved Neice that he was extremely fond of. He said Mr. Bridges died worth about 1500 libs. per an., and that his Estate in Northamptonshire is worth 1000 libs. per an. He told me, as a great Secret (tho' I had had hints of his being engag'd in those Courses some time before, & it hath been publickly talk'd of), that Mr. Bridges's Illness was occasion'd by a Woman [.....], & that the Duke of Montague, Ld Cowper, & some others, ow'd their Deaths to

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May 18, 1724. H. to Dr. [William] Stratford (Diaries, 103. 95). Wants to know whether there is anything about Peter Langtoft or Robert of Brunne in the MSS. notes to W. S.'s copy of Pitseus de Scriptoribus.

May 19, 1724. H. to J. West (Diaries, 103. 99). Obliged for valuable present of Neville's Norvicus, received with the Catalogue. The latter contains a great number of curious books. 'Tis an argument to me that Money is scarce in France, and that Learning decays there, that they should suffer such a Collection to be brought over into England.' Remarks on some of J. W.'s books. Account of Peter Langtoft. 'I know not whether you ever go to Chichester. But if you should at any time pass through it, it would be worth your while to take a view of the old broken Roman Inscription, and of the Ground where it was dug up.' Much more on same subject.

the same Frolicks. For wch I am extreme sorry, Mr. Bridges being my Friend, & in other respects a very worthy, honest Man.

He told me (wch I could not before imagin) that Mr. Van Cittart, that married a Daughter of Sir John Stonehouse's, and is now Ld of the Mannour of Shottesbrooke, is a very honest Gent., & a Friend to K. James, if there were a proper opportunity to shew it.

May 20 (Wed.). Yesterday, at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when a Letter was read from K. George (as the Duke of Brunswick is stiled), offering the Foundation of a new Professorship to teach the modern Tongues & modern History, in wch George himself is to put in the Professor, who is to have four hundred Pounds per an., but to give 100 libs. out of it to two assistants at 50 libs. apiece. So I hear, and I was told at the same time that an Address of Thanks was return'd to George, and that there was a full house, a matter of 300, *nemine dissentiente.*

On the 25th of October, in 1722, died at York one Mr. Simon Lamb, a few Years agoe A. B. of University College, and, marrying a Maidservant of Alderman White's of Oxford, he went to a Curacy near York, & to a School, & was just going to have a Church in York, when he fell ill of a violent Feaver, wch carry'd him soon off. He was a Man that understood several Languages, & was a Scholar, & might have done good Things in Learning, had he not been giddy headed, & conceited, & given too much to drinking. His Widow now lives in Oxford, with one Child, a Girl, the only one living of 5 or six she had by him.

Last Night, about 8 clock, died Mr. Ethelbert Hall, a very honest Shoemaker of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., aged about 3 score and ten Years[1].

This Morning, about 11 Clock, died Mr. James Higgs, a Mercer of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., a Man of Piety and Religion. He died of the Cholick. He was about 3 score Years of Age. He was at my room about Business on Monday last, but complain'd much then of his Illness.

May 21 (Th.). On Sunday Night last was drowned at the Piles, by Xt Church Meadow, a boy about 13 Years old, an Apprentice of one Dandridge, a Baker, that lives in Oxon. at a place call'd Amsterdam, who is the Boy's Uncle. It is thought the Boy threw himself in out of Discontent, because his Master would not give him leave to go out of Town on Sunday Morning, for several reasons, one of wch was because

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May 21, 1724. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 10). Sends two copies of Langtoft's Chronicle lent by Mr. Anstis and the Heralds' Office. Has sent by Godfrey seven guineas subscription-money. Will bring the Order of the Hospitals to town, if of use. Mr. Le Neve presents H. with 'A printed Case in Parlament.'

May 21, 1724. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 134). 'I find by a Letter from Dr. Stratford that there was a mistake in directing my Letters to you and him, and as he has that wch was intended for you, I doubt not but you

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[1] He was buried Thursday Evening, May 21, in St. Peter's Ch. Yard in the East.

he could not be back time enough for his occasions. The boy was perverse and high-spirited. He was found and taken up yesterday, in the Afternoon.

Mr. Whiteside told me last Night that he talk'd a day or two ago with a Clergyman that liv'd by Chichester, who assur'd him that two Gentlemen (meaning Roger Gale, Esq., & Dr. Stukely) came some time ago to Chichester, to see the Roman stone found there, and that they made on it Letters of their own, agreeable to what Roger Gale, Esq., hath printed in the Philosophical Transactions, where the Inscription is printed quite wrong, not near so exact as I had it from a Gent. who took it just after the Stone was found. The Duke of Richmond, it seems, hath bought the Stone for ten Guineas.

May 22 (Fri.). When I was a School-boy at Bray, among others was my School-Fellow one Baptista Nunn, whose Father was a Keeper of Windsor Park. This Bapt. Nunn was a boy of good Parts, & very forward to learn, & shew'd much respect for me, but he was sadly rude & unlucky, & makes a vile Man, being now living in Windsor Forrest, a great Informer, hated by all honest Men, and a mighty Cringer to the D. of Brunswick's Courtiers.

This Night I recd a Letter from Mr. William Thomas, dated yesterday[1], in wch he tells me of *a sorrowful Accident which happened yesterday Morning*[2], *viz. Ld Oxford's Death, in wch he doubts not I will bear a very sensible part with his Relations and friends at London.*

May 23 (Sat.). The said Earl of Oxford hath been never right well since his barbarous Usage in the Tower, nor, indeed, hath he since that Treatment had the right use of his Understanding[3].

May 24 (Whit-Sun.). I was told last Night that the Earl of Oxford died in the 64th Year of his Age.

Mr. James Higges was buried last Night in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, between 8 and 9 Clock.

The Mansion of the Franciscans, or Grey Friers, Oxon., sometimes joyn'd to St. Ebbe's Church there, and in this Church several of the Franciscans were anciently interred. Wood's Ath., Vol. ii, col. 488.

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have received what should have been sent to him.' However, Dr. S. will send money for Robert of Gloucester. Will trouble H. shortly to look at a book at the Ashmolean. Death of Ld. Oxford. [See Diary, May 22.]

[*c.* **May 21, 1724.**] **J. Woodward to H.** (Rawl. 28. 76). Encloses subscriptions for two large and two small copies each of Robert of Gloucester and of Langtoft. 'I have given away Dr. Bernard's Table of the antient Letters printed at the Theatre in 1696. If another fall in your Way, Pray buy, & send it me.'

May 23, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 168). Account of payments for Robert of Gloucester. Encloses receipts for the two MSS. of Peter Langtoft. Has received Mr. Le Neve's present of an Abstract of Evidences relating to the Barony of Berners. Has had the Order of the Hospitals given him, so will not request the loan of J. M.'s copy.

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[1] May 21. [2] May 20, Wedn. [3] See below, under June 28.

Monday last being the last day of y^e^ Term, M^r^. Mist (among others) appear'd at Westminster upon his Recognizance, & was sentenced to pay a Fine of 100l., to suffer one year's Imprisonment, & to find Sureties for his good Behaviour during Life. Some of the others were also sentenced, some discharged, and others continued. This Mist is he that prints y^e^ Journal under his Name, & he mentions his Sentence in his Journal of Yesterday, May 23^d^.

M^r^. Fiddes, Fellow of All Souls Coll., and Son-in-Law to D^r^. Waugh (B^p^ of Carlisle), is presented to the Living of Barking in Essex, worth about 300l. per an.

A most abominable Thing to break down and destroy Cheapside Cross. See pag. 48 of *Angelus à S. Francisco*'s Certamen Seraphicum.

May 26 (Tu.). One Salem Pearce, of Brightwell, near Walingford in Berks., a little before the late Ecclipse, writ, printed, and published a Paper about the said Ecclipse. It was printed at the Theater, on one side of a broad half sheet of Paper. He is Master of the Charity School at Brightwell, & publisheth an Ephemeris every year, & hath done so, it seems, for about 5 or 6 Years, but I do not remember yet to have seen them.

I am apt to think Cotgrave us'd to walk pretty much, & that thence, under the Word *aller*, he says in his French Dictionary, *C'est grand peine d'aller à cheval, & vne mort d'aller à pied. Prov.: 'Tis a great trouble to ride, and a death to foot it.* (*Some lazie fellow, belike, invented this proverbe.*)

May 25, 1724. H. to P. Le Neve (Draft, Diaries, 103. 109. Copy, Rawl. 39. 118). Thanks for letter of 16th, and for the Case relating to Ld. Berners. Is in the dark about Hycophrix, but agrees that Sir Henry Spelman's and Mr. Weever's opinions are the most probable. 'In your Searches in that part of England where (according to tradition) he was buried, you will, it may be, be able to find out the truth.' Note about Hycophrix, and draught of his monument from H.'s MSS. Has no collections about Norfolk, or would communicate them.

May 26, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 110). Hearty thanks for Robert of Gloucester. 'It is an excellent Book, & you have taken away a Reproach to the Nation; for so it is that so valuable an Author should not have been publisht sooner.' Glad Langtoft goes on so successfully. 'Count Brienne's Collection makes indeed a noble Catalogue, but the prices are only for Men of Quality. I am told the first Book went for 200 lib., or near that way.' Will look out some of Mr. Bagford's papers, and send, when he finds opportunity.

May 26, 1724. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 146). Subscribes for Langtoft. Is busy searching ancient records of the bishopric. [See Diary, May 29.]

May 26, 1724. E. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 116). Thanks for letter delivered by his mother-in-law on Sunday week. 'She had the presant that you sent uery safe, with abundance of thanks. I Did Designe to haue Defer'd writing till this day Seuenight, when I am to be att Waltham to take a List of y^e^ Books, as you Desired, but [when] my Dear friend, M^r^. Neuill Lauder, told mee of his coming to Oxford, I Desired him to bring a Letter for mee, humbly Desireing you to accept of a shilling with it . . . for Mr. Lauder to Drinke with you.'

May 27 (Wed.). Last Night called upon me Mr. Thomas Allen, a Clergy Man, formerly of Wadham College, and at present a Schoolmaster at Kettering in Northamptonshire. He came to shew me two MSS. of his own compiling, both wch he designs to print. One is a Greek Grammar, done in English, and in an easy Method, different from former Books of this kind. It took him up [*sic*] a Year's time. It hath been approv'd of by two noted Schoolmasters. He hath taken much pains in it. The other is also an English Book, but in Divinity, in compiling wch he told me he spent 5 Years. He hath already published one Book in Divinity. He told me he knew my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., and that he left behind him fifteen hundred Pounds per an. He also confirm'd what I have noted above, viz. that Mr. Bridges left behind him 40 libs. per an. to one, & 50 libs. per an. to another of his Clarks. Capt. Bartlett t'other day told me that Mr. Bridges left 25 libs. per annum for life to one of his Mistresses, a pretty sort of a body.

May 28 (Th.). Yesterday, at 2 Clock, was a Convocation, in wch the Lord St. John's, of Bletsho in Bedfordshire, had the Honour of a Dr. in Law's Degree conferr'd on him. This young Gent., who is (as I am told) about 21 Years of Age, hath entered a Brother of Brazen-Nose College.

John Poynter of Merton College hath just published a little Thing about Roman Coyns, Highways, &c., which is as silly as, if not sillier than, any thing he hath done yet, not excepting even his Trifle about the Weather, and yet 'tis dedicated to the Bp of Oxford, Dr. Potter, whom he pretends to have revis'd it for him.

May 29 (Fri.). The Reverend Mr. Richd Furney writes me word, in a Letter dated at Winchester, May 26, 1724, that he is very much employed there in the search of the ancient Records of the Bpprick, most of which relate to its temporalities. In the Registers that remain of some of the Bishops, since John de Pontissera, or Pointes, there are some other particulars, but what chiefly relate to that Diocese. In the Library belonging to the Cathedral there, there is a very ancient MS. of Nich. Trivet's Chron., upon paper. There is likewise a MS. of Charters of the Foundations of several religious houses, as they were copied for the Commissioners of K. Hen. 8th, which are since publish'd in the Monasticon.

May 30 (Sat.). Yesterday was the Birth day & Return of K. Charles II, but it is observable that there was much more ringing of Bells in Oxford the day before, being the Birthday of the D. of Brunswick, than there was on this.

[**May 27, 1724.**] **G. Lake to H.** (Rawl. 7. 144). Has been confined to his chamber for six weeks. Directions for binding and sending Robert of Gloucester. Death of Dr. Merewether. [See Diary, June 6.]

May 27, 1724. W. Stratford to H. (Rawl. 16. 98). In return for H.'s, sends the letter wrongly addressed to himself. His servant will call and pay what Mr. Thomas directs. Cannot answer H.'s question, but if he will call at W. S.'s lodgings, he can satisfy himself.

On the said Birth day of the D. of Brunswick, being May the 28th, Dr. John Mouldin, Fellow of Pembroke College, and Minister of St. Aldate's, Oxon., was found dead upon the Ground, between Cowley and Ifley, having dined at Mr. Phipps's at Cowley, & being crossing, as 'tis thought, to Iffley. It is uncertain whether his horse startled and threw him, or whether he had an Apoplexy, no body being with him. This Dr. Mouldin (who was about 50 Years of Age) was formerly a tolerable good Preacher, and had a good reputation, but he lost himself through his Prevarication, when Dr. Brickenden was elected Master of Pembroke Coll. in opposition to Mr. Archdeacon Hunt, at wch time he forfeited his word (having promised the Archdeacon) on many accounts, on purpose that he might have St. Aldate's, wch should otherwise have been the Master's, whereupon (for his Inconsistency) he became despised, & thence he grew mopish and stupid. He was buried in St. Aldate's Church last Night.

May 31 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal, Sat., May 30, 1724:—

The Reverend Mr. John Thistlethwaite, Fellow of Winchester-College, and Rector of Compton in Hampshire, lately deceased, has left, by his Will, 1000l. to the Corporation of the Governours of Queen Anne's Bounty; 1000l. to the Corporation for the Relief of Clergymen's Widows; and 300l. to the Corporation for promoting Christian Knowledge in foreign Parts.

The Reverend Mr. Lewen is presented by the Bishop of Gloucester to the Living of Standish, in the same County, vacant by the Death of Mr. Fowler. It is worth about 300l. a Year.

(The said Mr. Lewin was originally of Edm. Hall, where he took the Degree of B.A., and applied himself to the Study of Physick. Thence he removed to Magd. Hall, but lay in his Guardian (and, I think, Couzin) Dr. Wilcox's Chamber in Magd. Coll., and as a Member of that Hall took the Degree of M.A., and the said Dr. being made Bp of Gloucester, he threw aside the study of Physick for Divinity, became his Chaplain, & at length is become a Rector of a Church.)

The Reverend Dr. Evans, Senior Fellow of St. John's College in Oxford, has been lately presented to the Rectory of Cheame in Surry.

Two of the Ruffians, one a Frenchman and the other a Lorainer, who murder'd the English Gentlemen near Calais, are convicted and sentenced to be broke alive upon the Wheel at Paris.

The King's Letter to the two Universities.

'GEORGE R.

TRVSTY and well-beloved, we greet you well. We, being greatly desirous to favour and encourage our two Universities, those ancient and laudable Nurseries of Piety and Learning, and to enable them more effectually to answer the End of their Institution, by sending forth constant Supplies of learned and able Men to serve the Publick both in Church and State: and having observed that no Encouragement or Provision has hitherto been made in either of the said Universites for the Study of Modern History or Modern Languages, the Knowledge of which is highly necessary towards compleatly qualifying the Youth committed to their Care for Several Stations, both in Church and State, to which they may be called: And having seriously weighed the Prejudice that has accrued to the said Universities from this Defect, Persons of foreign Nations being often employed in the Education and Tuition

of Youth, both at home and in their Travels, and great Numbers of the young Nobility and Gentry being either sent abroad directly from School, or taken away from the Universities before the Course of their Studies can be there compleated, and Opportunities frequently lost to the Crown of employing and encouraging Members of the two Universities, by conferring on them such Employments, both at home and abroad, as necessarily require a competent Skill in writing and speaking the modern Languages: In order, therefore, to remedy these and the like Inconveniences, we have determined to appoint two Persons of sober Conversation and prudent Conduct, of the Degree of Master of Arts, or Batchelor of Laws, or of some higher Degree, in one of the said Universities, skilled in modern History and in the Knowledge of modern Languages, to be nominated by us, to be our Professors of modern History, one for the University of Cambridge, and the other for that of Oxford, who shall be obliged to read Lectures in the publick Schools at such Times as shall hereafter be appointed. And we have further determined that each of the said Professors shall have a Stipend of four hundred Pounds per Annum, and out of the said Stipend shall be obliged to maintain, with sufficient Salaries, in the University where he shall be established, two Persons, at least, well qualified to teach and instruct in writing and speaking the said Languages, which said Teachers shall be under the Direction of the Professors respectively, and shall be obliged to instruct, Gratis, in the modern Languages, twenty Scholars in each University, to be nominated by us; and each Scholar so nominated shall be obliged to learn two, at least, of the said Languages, both the Professors and Teachers taking especial Care that the Times and Hours for the instructing and teaching the said Scholars be so ordered as not to interfere with those appointed for their academical Studies: which Professors and Teachers shall be obliged once every Year to transmit an Attested Account of the Progress made by each Scholar committed to their Care, to our Principal Secretaries of State, to be laid before us, that we may encourage the Diligence and Application of such amongst them as shall have qualified themselves for our Service, by giving them suitable Employments, either at home or abroad, as Occasions shall offer. And our royal Will and Pleasure is, that you forthwith, upon the Receipt hereof, call a Congregation, in order to communicate these our royal Intentions to the University. And so we bid you farewel. Given at our Court at S^{t}. James's, the 16th Day of May, 1724, in the tenth Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command.
TOWNSHEND.'

Both Universities have, on this Occasion, presented very dutiful and loyall Addresses: That from Oxford, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, was by his Lordship presented to his Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously: And that from Cambridge was presented by the Reverend D^{r}. Snape, Provost of King's College, Vice-Chancellor of that University, attended by the Proctors and several other Members of the same, being introduc'd by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of the Houshold. To which Address his Majesty gave the following Answer, *viz.*

'I thank you for this dutiful and loyal Address, and am glad to find that what I propos'd to you in my Letter meets with your entire Approbation, and doubt not, with your Assistance, my Intentions upon this Occasion will prove an Honour to the University in general, as well as an Advantage to the particular Members of that learned Body.'

June 1, 1724. **H. to J. Murray** (Rawl. 112. 169). If J. M. has the genuine edition of Fabian's Chronicle, wants to know how Richard I is represented there. Is his arm in the lion's mouth, or not?

June 4 (Th.). One Tubb, a Joyner in Cat Street, Oxford, was born at Stanton-Harcourt. He told me, on Monday last, that his Mother looks after the great House at Stanton-Harcourt. He said there is an old piece of Glass there in one of the Windows, with this date, 1347. He said there were lately brought out of the great House two old Statues of two of the Harcourts, and placed in the Church, where they had been formerly, but removed, I suppose, in the War time for Security. He said the said Statues are look'd upon to be as old as the time of Edw. 3d. They were not in the Church when I was there some Years ago. He said the present Lord Harcourt had had them cleansed & beautified, & that he had laid out 2 or 300 libs. about repayring the Church. He said that the Harcourts' Arms are several times in the Church of South-Lye, and that they commonly think Stanton-Harcourt is the Mother-Church to it. He said he believed the Harcourts were Founders of Raunton Abbey in Staffordshire, because formerly there was a whole Chest of old Writings, that one of the Harcourts, upon his Death, ordered to be burnt, many of wch related to this Abbey. 'Tis certain Raunton Priory was founded by an Ancestor of the Harcourts, as may appear from the Monasticon Anglicanum.

June 5 (Fri.). Memorandum that among Mr. Ashmole's MSS. in the Ashmol. Muséum is one (num. 1463) in which is an Epitaph on Sir Ken. Digby, and one on Wm Prynne. Ant. à Wood, indeed, hath printed this on Prynne, but not so exact as here it is.

Formerly, wearing hats was look'd upon as a great Crime, Bonnets & Thrums being then in fashion, & hats being of a late rise. So that such as wore hats us'd then to be fin'd, whence 'tis that some of the Parish of Malborough in Devonshire were fined twice for wearing hats, as appears from the Register Book, towards the Beginning of Q. Elizabeth's Reign, as Mr. Dyer of Oriel College takes it, from whom I had this Information on June 1st last.

June 6 (Sat.). Dr. Cave's Historia Litteraria is reprinted at Geneva, A.D. 1720, in one Folio. The Things of ye second Part are put in their Proper Places, so as to cause the less trouble to the Readers. I bought

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June 4, 1724. T. Allen to H. (Rawl. 13. 24). Has sent three guineas for Robert of Gloucester, and subscribes for two small copies of Langtoft. 'I desire you likewise to put down John Godfrey, Esq., of Norton Court, in my neighbourhood, as a subscriber for one in ye same paper. . . . He is a single Gentleman, of a thousand pds a year. He lies under ye disadvantage of having been educated at home, but has a genius for learning, and is a friend to learned men of all sorts. Pray give my service to Mr. Parker, and tell him I will take all imaginable care of his concerns in . . . [?]. I have sent you and that Gentleman halfe a crown to be spent at Headington, when you are dispos'd to walk thither, & to doe me ye honour to take a dish of pears & cup of ale there.' [Notes by Hearne:—'June 5th, Recd of Mr. Godfrey, 3-5-6. Dd. the ½ Crown to Mr. Parker's Son Sacchi, June 6th, 1724.']

June 4, 1724. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 97). 'The King haueing been pleased to appoint me deputy Commissary Generall, I was obliged to leaue off drinking the watters at Scarborough, & to come with all Speed to Towne.' Wants his three copies of Robert of Gloucester at the first opportunity.

it yesterday, well bound, lettered, and gilt back, for 26 Shillings, a handsome new book, & never us'd, whereas the old Ed. in two Volumes is sold for 50*s*.

Mr. Gilbert Lake, Vicar of Chippenham in Wilts., informs me by Letter, May 27 last, that the good old Dr. Merewether died on Monday, May 18 before.

June 7 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of Saturd., June 6, 1724:—

They write from Paris, May 10, N. S., That on the 7th an Extraordinary Courier arrived at Versailles, being dispatched from Rome by the Cardinal de Rohan, with Advice that Cardinal Orsini was unanimously elected Pope on the 27th of April, and had taken the Name of Benedict the XIVth. He is the oldest of all the sacred College, being seventy five Years of Age.

Yesterday died of a Consumption Mrs. Lucy Sutch, of Allhallows' Parish in Oxford, where she lived with an elder Sister (who is still living there), and they kept a Millener's Shop. This Mrs. Lucy Sutch was a little more than 40 Years old, & was formerly a most beautifull, charming body, and much admired by the young Gentlemen of Oxford, & she had like once to have been married to a young Nobleman, but some way or other the Match was broke off. Her Grandmother lived in St. Aldate's, Oxon., where, in a Fire there, she was unfortunately burnt to Ashes.

Yesterday Mr. Heywood of Holywell's Son told me that his Father was Pupill to Mr. Thornton, Principal of Hart-Hall, & that Mr. Thornton left him his Executor, ordering by his will all his Sermons & MSS. Papers to be burnt, but that some way or other he hath saved three of his Sermons.

June 8 (Mon.). My Friend, Mr. Richard Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.shire, informs me, by Letter dated from thence the 6th instant, that their worthy neighbour, Erasmus Sanders, D.D., Prebendary of St. David's, and Vicar of Blockley in Worcestershire, died suddenly, at the beginning of that Week, at Shrewsbury, and was to be brought up the day he writ his Letter, as he thought, to be buried at Blockley. He had been a little ill that day, and took a vomit at night; his servant was gone down stairs, and when he came up again, found him dead upon his knees.

This Erasmus Sanders was of Jesus Coll. in Oxon., where he took the degree of M.A., June 25, 1696, that of B.D., Dec. 17, 1705, and that of D.D. (as a Grand Compounder), July 9, 1712. He hath written and printed a Book, intit., *A View of the State of Religion in the Diocese of St. David's, about the Beginning of the 18th Century*, &c., Lond., 1721, 8vo, in wch are many good things. He hath also printed a Sermon that he preached on Act Sunday, at St. Marie's in Oxon., the Year he proceeded D.D. He was a very great Talker, & would preach long, and very fast.

June 7, 1724. M. G. Drake to H. (Rawl. 14. 103). Wants Robert of Gloucester and other books sent to Mr. Lewis, bookseller, Covent Garden.

June 9 (Tu.). John Fox's Ed. of the Gospels, in Saxon and Engl., was sold in Mr. Thomas Rawlinson's Auction for fifteen Shillings, whereas Dr. Marshall's Ed. of the Saxon and Gothic Gospells (which is a much better book) was sold only for 7s. 6d.

June 10 (Wed.). Yesterday I was in All Souls College Library, by the favour of Mr. Owen, one of the Fellows of the College. I had never been in it before, tho' I had formerly much desired it. It is a very pretty place, and venerable for its Antiquity, being as old as the College. The Windows are adorn'd with the Pictures of several of the Saints and many of our English Kings. There is also the Picture (in the Glass) of the Founder, Archbp Chichley, and of John Stafford, who succeeded Chichley in the Archbprick of Canterbury[1]. There are also Inscriptions in the Glass, most of wch relate to the Pictures. Edward the Martyr is pictured with a long beard, tho' he was but 16 Years old when he was murthered. I suppose the Inscription under the Picture is a Mistake for Edward the Confessor. I never saw Edward the Martyr painted with a long beard before. Nor, indeed, do his Coyns (for there are of them [*sic*], tho' some ascribe them to Edward the Confessor) represent him with any beard, in wch they are certainly exact. I sought for a Picture of K. Richard the first, but could find none. My design in it was to see whether he was represented putting his Arm into the throat of a Lyon.

I look'd over the MSS. there, which stand among the printed Books, tho' in a distinct Class. Mr. Owen told me they were all the MSS. they had. Among them is a thin, folio, Paper MS. in Arabick, bound after the oriental manner, being Abulpheda's Geography, transcrib'd fairly by the famous Mr. Wm Guise, Fellow of that College, and design'd by him for the Press. It was given by his Widow, Mrs. Frances Guise, as appears from an Inscription in the Book (as well as from Dr. Thomas Smith's MSSt Papers in my hands), which Inscription was made by Dr. Thomas Smith, and is pasted into the Book immediately under the title of it, wch Title is written in another modern hand, but the Inscription relating to the Gift of the MS. was written by Dr. Smith's own hand. Both the Title and Inscription here follow:—

Abulphedæ Geographia,
Canon seu Rectificatio Terrarum Regis fortis Principis
τῆς Hamath
Est scil. Geographia: Autore Abu'l Phedâ Ismaele, filio
τοῦ Al Melec Al Naser.
Regnavit in Syriâ, et Opus hoc absolvit circa an. Hegiræ 721, Xti 1321.

Then immediately follows in Dr. Smith's hand:—

Geographia Abulfedæ, | Principis Hamæ in Syria, | celebratissimæ apud Orientales famæ, | propria D. Gulielmi Guisij, A. M., et splendi-|dissimi Collegij Omnium Animarum Oxon' | non ita pridem Socij, manu ex manuscriptis

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June 10, 1724. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 14. 139). Encloses payment for Langtoft. Supposes Mr. Bowles has taken up Robert of Gloucester.

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[1] 'Tis of *John Stretford*, who was before Chichley, tho' I have thought that it should be Stafford.

codicibus simul collatis | accurate descripta: | quam Latina versione doctisque commentarijs | elucidandam, | ni mors acerba intervenisset, | prelo destinavit. Ut memoria Mariti sui in omne ævum derivaretur, | egregium hoc illius ingenij, eruditionis, et industriæ monimentum, cum id | reverendo D. Custodi clarissimisque Socijs | non ingratum fore intellexerit, in ejusdem Collegij Archivis reponi, | pro pio erga defunctum affectu, | summa cum promptitudine inpensè voluit | Francisca Guisia. |

They have a MS. Virgil, an oblong book, in Vellum, well and fairly written. At the beginning of it is this note in capitals, LIBER MAGISTRI ALVREDI, in a hand as old as the MS., which I take to be above 400 Years old. It was given them by Henry Penwortham, as appears from this Note in it, *Liber collegij omnium fidelium defunctorum Oxon', datus per Henr. Penwortham.* The same Henry Penwortham gave other Books to the Library. All he gave were valued at xl Marks, as is noted by Mr. Wood, Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., l. ii, p. 184, where he notes that he was Actuarius or Register to the Founder, Archbp Chicheley, and one of the first Fellows.

There is a good MS. in Vellum of Solinus. There is a MS. *Commentarius in Boëthium de Musica*, but in a bad hand. There is *Johannis de Turrecremata Commentarius in Psalterium Davidis, Magistro Aphowell Scriba, Peractus anno Domini* 1463, well written on Vellum. There is a good MS. in Vellum of Seneca's Tragedies.

There is a MS. of Laurentius Valla *de lingua Latina*, in vii Books, on paper. It is fairly written. In one place the Scribe hath written: *Detur pro penna scriptori pulchra puella.* Who the Scribe was appears from this Memorandum he hath given of himself: *Scripsit Marianus Georgij Benedicti de Magistris, Romanus Civis. Et finivit anno millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, Mensis Maij die xxiii, Indictione xiii Pont. S. D. N. Domini Pauli divina providentia papæ secundi, Pontificatus sui anno primo.*

There is *Johannis Gower Chronica Latine.* It is in folio. It relates to Rich. IId's Reign, and is different from his *Confessio amantis.* It is in vii books, but is imperfect at beginning. It is in verse.

They have a MS. there intit., *Concordia facta per Johannem, Cant. Arch., super quibusd. reformationibus habendis inter regem Angliæ & regem Franciæ, & saltem inter regem Angliæ et LLewelinum, Principem Walliæ, et de articulis inter eosdem.* As I remember, 'tis in fol., and hath very many remarkable Things. I could wish to peruse it. In it is this Note: *Liber Willelmi Elyot, Rectoris Ecclesiæ de Blackanton', quam emit de Executoribus Magistri Johannis Stevenes, Canonici Exon', & Rectoris Ecclesiæ de Blakanton'.*

They have *Historia Regis Henrici Vti*, MS. fol., different from, and larger than, that written by Titus Foro-Jul. It begins, *Ihesus Mercye. Lucerna posita sub modum coruscationis—.* Ends, *verum eciam in alijs ministerijs tam nobiles quam alij erunt.* At the beginning and end are several fragments of an old Saxon MS. Grammatical Tract, the Author whereof, it may be, was Ælfric[1]. They are very old, & well written. There are six folio leaves of them at the beginning, and as many at the end. I should be glad also to peruse this MS.

[1] It was Ælfric yt was Author.

June 12 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the forenoon, was at Oxford just over us, and very near, a most prodigious storm of Lightning and Thunder. It began a little after eleven clock, & continued more than an hour. I never knew so many strangely loud Claps of Thunder in my life together. Neither do I remember to have known it so near, insomuch that we were very apprehensive of mischief, but there was a very great Rain with it, which prevented it. I heard a Gentleman, who is a curious Observer of Things of this nature, say that he thinks the Cloud of wch two or three of the Flashes broke out, was very little farther than from Edm. Hall to St. Clement's.

June 13 (Sat.). Yesterday I found that the Thunder had done some harm to the House that Sir Wm Giffard lives in, being where St. Mary College (for Benedictine Monks), near North-Gate, stood formerly, the Gate way whereof is still to be seen next New Inn Hall Lane. A Ball, it seems, broke in, and beat quite thorough down to the Floor of the Kitchen, but did no damage to any one, tho' several were there, being the servants. It smelt very strong like Brimstone, & quite dissolved.

Yesterday, meeting twice with Mr. Heywood (the Father) of Holywell, he told me that there was a Chapell at the end of Forresthill wch belong'd to the Priory of St. Mary's in Littlemore, & that the place (tho' the Chapell is down) is called in writings (that he hath) Minchin Court, the Prioress & the Nunns of Littlemore using to keep court there in old time. He said the Prioress used to lodge there, & that he pays now yearly to the Minister of Forresthill for this Chappell four Pounds, but that the Minister insists upon Tithes, wch Mr. Heywood says the Minister hath no right to, it being exempt. This is a dark business to me.

June 14 (Sun.). On Friday (June 5th, 1724), in the Evening, Dr. Henry Sacheverel, Rector of St. Andrew's, Holbourn (worth about 700 libs. per an.), departed this Life at Highgate; which Rectory being in the Gift of the Duke of Mountague, his Grace has been pleas'd to present the same to the Reverend Mr. Barton, a Clergyman of the Country. The said Dr. Sacheverell is the person that made so great a noise in the time of Q. Anne. He took the degree of M.A., March 16, 1696, that of B.D., Feb. 4, 1707, and that of D.D., July 1, 1708. He was a bold man, and of a good presence, & delivered a thing better than a much more modest man, however preferable in Learning, could do. He was but an indifferent Scholar, but pretended to a great deal of honesty, wch I could never see in him, since he was the forwardest to take the Oaths, notwithstanding he would formerly be so forward in speaking for and drinking the health of K. J. III. He hath printed several Things, but that wch is really good, viz. his Speech at his Tryal, was none of his own, but was penn'd by Dr. Francis Atterbury, the depriv'd Bp of Rochester. He died very rich. He had a complication of Distempers.

The Rev. Mr. Strype has preached his Farewel Sermon at St. John's at Hackney, where he had been Lecturer about thirty Years.

Mr. Whiteside of ye Muséum call'd upon me to-day in the forenoon, and shew'd me a large copper Coyn of Crispina, Wife of Commodus:

CRISPINA AVGVSTA, Crispina cap. On the Reverse, CONCORDIA S C, fig. muliebris sedens, d. pateram, sin. cornucopiæ [*sic*]. Found at Bletchingdon. Mr. Whiteside borrowed it of Mr. George Wigan of Xt Church.

June 15 (Mon.). After an intermission of several Years, at length is come out a fresh Attack upon the Clause in the 20th Article of the XXXIX Articles of ye Church of Engl. about the Churche's power to decree Rites and Ceremonies. 'Tis in opposition to Mr. Bedford's & Dr. Bennett's Books, and I am told by Combes, a Bookseller in Oxford, where I saw it (& it is the only Copy I have yet seen, tho' I have not read it), that it was done by Mr. Collins, the Author of Priest-Craft in Perfection.

June 16 (Tu.). Mr. Bateman of University College told me yesterday that Mr. Lewis of Margate hath written and published, *The Antiquities of the Isle of Thanet*, in a thin folio. This is the same Lewis that writ the Life of John Wickliffe.

June 17 (Wed.). In the Church of Summerton, near Deddington in Oxonsh., are very fine Monuments, at wch place, however, I never was as yet.

This Morning, by the favour of Mr. Owen, I was again, for near an hour, in All Souls College Library, Mr. Francis Gwyn, fellow of that College, being also with us. The Pictures in the Windows are as follow:—

East Side.

1st Window. S. Dunstanus, S. Augustinus Anglorum.
2d Window. S. Anselmus, S. Edmundus (archbp).
3d Window. Sanctus . . . . . , Johannes Stretford.
4th Window. . . . . , S. Alphegus.
5th Window. Henricus Chychele, fundator, ...
6th Window. . . . . , Sanctus Augustinus (the ancient Father).
7th Window. S. Odo, arch. Cant., S. Jeronimus.
8th Window. S. Ambrosius, S. Gregorius.

West side.

1st Window. S. Ethelbertus, S. Edwardus Confessor.
2d Window. Edwardus IIIus, Johannes, Rex Hispaniarum, Dux Lancastriæ.
3d Window. Henricus Quartus, Henricus Quintus.
4th Window. Henricus VI, fundator, ...
5th Window. S. Edwardus Martyr, Rex Edgarus.
6th Window. Rex Aluredus, Rex Athelstanus.
7th Window. Sanctus Edmundus Rex, S. Oswaldus.

They have among the MSS. in that Library, wch I have not noted above, a folio one in Vellum, containing, among other Things, *Flores Historiarum Johannis Rocheford, militis*, given to the Library *per*

June 17, 1724. **Sir P. Sydenham to H.** (Rawl. 16. 113). Has received valuable books, and subscribes for small copy of Langtoft, 'for my circumstances will not permitt me to do more.'

Henricum Penwortham. Of this book there is mention in the printed Catalogue of MSS. in the ii^d^ Part of the Oxford MSS., p. 44, among those of All Souls, num. 11, thus: *Flores Historiarum per Jo. Rochfort, Militem, cujus libri prima pars continet res gestas à principio Mundi usque ad Nativitatem Christi; Secunda ab adventu Christi usque ad adventum Normannorum; Tertia ab adventu Normannorum usque ad finem operis.* Now, to know what the end of the work is, must be gathered from the last Chapter, w^ch^ treats *De Coronacione pseudo Regis Roberti de Brus.* The Author lived in the time of Hen. IV, as appears from his Extracts in the same MS. out of Josephus's Antiquities of the Jews, w^ch^ Extracts are also noted in the same printed Catalogue. In the Cotton Library, Vitellius D. xii. 1, is *Extractus Chronicarum Cestrensis Ecclesiæ, per Joannem Rochford, a Christo nato ad annum* 1410. The MS. of All Souls Coll. is imperfect at the Beginning, and there is a Leaf cut out at the Beginning of the Conquest, where seems to have been an Illumination. This MS. of All Souls Coll. is a remarkable Book, and what ought to be examin'd. Nicholson says nothing of this Historian.

They have in that Library a noble folio Book, printed on Vellum, of *Durantus's Rationale Divinorum,* but then it hath been horridly abused, several leaves being cut out. Nor does the date when printed appear, tho' it was very early, as may appear from the following MS. Note at the Beginning of the Book: *Liber Collegij omnium animarum Oxon', quem Reverendus pater, Jacobus Goldwell, Episcopus Norwicensis, emit in civitate Hamburgensi, dum erat missus in ambassiatam à Cristianissimo principe, Edwardo Rege Angliæ, &c., ad illustrissimum principem, Regem Daciæ, voluitque dictus Reverendus pater ut cathanetur in choro dicti Collegij ad utilitatem studencium. Et si quis eum alienaverit, vel contra hanc disposicionem fecerit, anathema sit. Et hæc disposicio erat per præfatum Reverendum patrem anno Domini millesimo* CCCCLXXXVIII^o^. This Book is even imperfect at the end, where, in all likelyhood, was the date.

Beughem, in his *Incunabula typographiæ,* notes y^t^ Durandus or Durantus's *Rationale divinorum officiorum* was printed several times before 1500, viz. *Moguntiæ* 1459, *Reutlingæ* 1473, *Venet.* 1485, *Argent.* 1486, *Basileæ* 1488, *Norib.* 1493, in f. Goldwell was made B^p^ of Norwich 1472, 12 Edw. 4; Godwin, p. 497. He was before Dean of Salisbury, & Secretary to K. Edw. IV. It is, as it is, a book of great value, but were it perfect, it would be look'd upon as worth about an hundred pounds among some curious Men.

June 18 (Th.). Yesterday meeting with M^r^. Burton, Fellow of Corpus X^ti^ Coll., he told me of the following Epitaph in the North wall

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June 18, 1724. S. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 107). Sends 20 guineas for Robert of Gloucester and Langtoft. 'Thô the whole for both y^e^ Authors is but eighteen Guineas, I have sent you twenty as an Excuse for not having sent to you sooner.' [Note by Hearne:—'Rec^d^ the Money, Jun. 20, 1724, p^d^ by Sir W^m's^ House-keeper.']

June 18, 1724. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 11). Fabian's Chronicle is at Sacomb: when he next goes there, will let H. have an account of Richard I. Has sent four guineas for four copies of Langtoft. Respects to Mr. Dyer, Mr. Whiteside, and Mr. Rance.

of the Chancel of Great Bookeham in Surrey, w[ch] he said is in Saxon Characters:—

Hec domus abbate fuerat constructa Johanne
De Ritherwia, Sancti decus ob Nicholai,
Anno milleno triceno bisque viceno
Primo. Christus ei paret hinc sedem requiei.

It is printed, but faultily, in what is called Aubrey's Antiquities of Surrey, Vol. ii, p. 265. The present Vicar of the place, M[r]. Hyat, hath turn'd the said Epitaph (as M[r]. Burton also inform'd me) into English thus[1]:—

The Ground that this house stands upon
Erected was by pious John,
Who Abbat was of Ritherwia,
As by these lines you plainly see-a.

The before mentioned M[r]. Burton is Son in Law to M[r]. John Bear, B.D. and Rector of Shermanbury in the Wild of Sussex. M[r]. Bear took the degree of M.A. as a Member of Exeter Coll., June 25, 1698. He was formerly Curate to D[r]. Francis Carswell, Vicar of Bray in Berks. He is an ingenious man.

June 19 (Fri.). M[r]. Chernock yesterday, at the same time that he shew'd me the first Leaf of the Register of Great Haseley (of w[ch] Place he is curate to the L[d] Willoughby, Dean of Windsor), told me that Part of Lachford now belongs to Counsellor Carter (one of the Welsh Judges), or rather to M[rs]. Carter, who holds it of Windsor, and part of it to the Godwins, the eldest brother of w[ch] Godwins is in a craz'd condition (occasioned, in some measure, from his being a great admirer of the late Prince of Orange), and that the other two Brothers manage as they please.

Transcrib'd from the first Leaf of the Register of Great Hasely, w[ch] leaf was shew'd me by M[r]. Chernock, Fellow of All Souls Coll., June 18, 1724:—

[2] Jesus (another hand).

This boke made by the expresse commaundement of ower most soueraigne lord, kynge Henry the eight, by the grace | of God supreame hed in earthe of this his church of Englande, for certeyne godly vses by his right | excellent, wise, and faitheful cownsaill deuisid, and apon like consideracions institutid, as by the | as by the[3] deuision of the same in 3 sondrie parties

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June 19, 1724. H. to M. G. Drake (Rawl. 26. 60). 'Since my last I find that M[r]. Lewis, the bookseller, hath dealt very unfairly by me. He desired (in his Letter of Nov. 1, 1722) several Copies of Heming's Chartulary for divers Subscribers, and accordingly they were sent early to him. Three of them in the better Paper (for w[ch] he hath paid nothing) he told me were for *worthy, honest men, and intimate friends of his.* I did not doubt but he had dispersed them, but now lately (since Robert of Glouc. was published) he writ me word (in a Letter of the 4[th] inst. . . .) that the Subscribers had left the books upon his hands; upon w[ch] I immediately writ to a Friend in

[1] But the Translation is quite wrong.
[2] [The transcript is on an inserted leaf, in Hearne's handwriting.] [3] Sic.

hereafter foloing maie appere: began . . . . . he | yere of his most prosperous and noble reigne 30, as in the yere of oure master and lord god | 1538, die, videlicet, mensis octobris primo, to be exersisid after the sort as hereafter | insuithe; the lord Thomas Crumwell, lorde preuie seale and Vicegerent of his highnes | ecclesiasticall iurisdiccions, exhibitid to us of the clargie the same, withe diuers other at that | time like frutefull and laudable iniuntions[1] inuentid to the glorie of god, to the kyngis hon . . . , | and to the greate benefite of this realme.

Infantium nomina ex aqua et spiritu sancto renatorum.

It had been given out that w^t^ is transcribed in the inserted leaf was written with Leland's own hand. M^r^. Chernock therefore brought the first leaf of the Register to shew me. As soon as I saw it, I told him 'twas not Leland's writing. It was writ almost four Years before Leland was presented to the Rectory of Haseley, w^ch^ was Apr. 3, A.D. 1542, 33 H. 8. (Apparatus to Leland's Coll., p. xlvii, lii.) Perhaps it might be writ by his immediate predecessour in that Living, Richard Pate, who was attainted of high treason, & so Leland succeeded him; ibid., p. xlvii. Leland, in his Itinerary, Vol. ii, p. 7, hath these words:—

Litle Haseley, *wher Master* Baretine *hath a right fair Mansion Place, and marvelus fair Walkes,* topiarij Operis, *and Orchardes, and Pooles, holdith, as I lernid, of the Maner of* Piperdes *by Knight service.*

M^r^. Chernock told me that Baretine is there now in remembrance by the name of *Barentine.* He said that he thinks the mansion house, here mentioned by Leland, must have been where there is now a house called *Court House.*

This M^r^. Chernock is an honest, worthy Gent., and is Nephew to M^r^. Rob. Chernock, executed in the Reign of the late Prince of Orange for what they called high Treason. The said Rob. Chernock took the degree of M.A., Oct. 26, 1686, and was fellow of Magd. Coll. He was a stout, couragious, brave man. M^r^. Chernock of All-Souls Coll. is a Warwicksh. man by birth.

[After the index, inside the cover, are these notes:—]

Child drowned, May 17, 1724.

1724. Old M^rs^. Swan of S^t^. Clement's, Oxon., born in 1642[2]. Married to Rich^d^ Swan, May 29, 1670. Her Son Richard born March 17, 1670. Her Son Thomas born about 1680. Her Husband died 20

London to get them from him again, & he hath been so successfull that last night they came back safe to me. Having thus secured them, I design one of them for you, and at the same time your Robert of Gloucester may be also sent, tho' I am indeed at a loss how to send it upon this failour of Mr. Lewis.'

June 19, 1724. H. to F. Lewis (Rawl. 26. 60). Has heard from Mr. Lewis, the Bookseller, that F. L. has been furnished with Heming's Chartulary by another hand. 'If you have been really furnished by some body else (for, as to myself, I never deliver'd a Copy of this book for you but to Mr. Lewis), your Subscription in this case (no money having been paid me) hath proved (contrary, without doubt, to what you design'd) a disadvantage rather than kindness.'

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[1] Sic.

[2] Ob. Febr. 12, 1728.

years agoe. She was born at Ridmerley, com. Wig. Went to School a Year at Tewkesbury. Her Master, Beachfield. Came from ye country æt. 22. Mr. Kimberley Minister then of Ridmerley.

Mrs. Wells of St. Peter's in ye East, Oxon., born at Kiddington, near Woodstock, in 1663.

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June 20 (Sat.). Yesterday, as I was walking out of Oxford, just at St. Gyles's an old Gentleman overtook me on horseback, and, asking of me the way to Woodstock, desired a little of my Conversation, wch being readily granted, I walk'd (while he rid) quite with him as far as Wolvercote, & then left him. He was much pleas'd with many things I told him. I could not learn his name, tho' I think I have seen him before[1]. He told me he was a stranger in this Country, having not been here this twenty Years, that he was a Cambridge Man of Xt's College, but at present Vicar of Cuddington (so he said over and over, & told me not to mistake it for Tuddington) in Bucks. He told me he knew Dr. Rich.[2] Cudworth & Dr. John Covell. He said, when Dr. Cudworth's Book came first out, he, the said Dr. Cudworth, presented a Copy of it, sending it by a servant, to one Bolton (as I remember, he said that was his Name), a very ingenious Man of Xt's College, who, peeping upon the Title-Page, fell a-laughing: *An Intellectual System*, says he, *what is that? What a strange, obscure title is here! 'Tis true, Dr. Cudworth is Master of the College, & so may have the privilege of coyning new fangled Expressions. An Intellectual System,—did ever any one hear of a more odd Title?* He said Dr. Covell was a very good Companion, but a man not to be trusted, because he never kept to his word. The Dr. was look'd upon as a good Scholar, tho' his folio History of the Greek Church does not answer exspectation (as even this Clergyman well observ'd), Dr. Thomas Smith's little Book upon the same Subject being much better done. We had some discourse about the Antiquities of Oxford. The Clergyman (who appear'd to be a man of very good sense & understanding, & was very facetious & pleasant) said that it was sufficiently plain to him that the University of Oxford was much older than that of Cambridge, & he added that Oxford had produced a much greater Number of learned Men in all Sciences than Cambridge.

June 20, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 171). Received money for Langtoft and book for Mr. West. The latter is only a faulty translation of 'some things in Verheiden and Holland.' Remarks on the book.

June 20, 1724. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 22). Received H.'s of the 6th, while attending Ld. Oxford at Down-hall in Essex. There are two copies of Langtoft in the Harleian Library, but neither is in English. [See Diary, July 5, 1725.]

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[1] [His name was Francis Coston: see Diary for Sept. 26, and letters of Dec. 17 and 30, 1724.]

[2] [Richard is a mistake for Ralph.]

June 21 (Sun.). On Tuesday Morning last died, at her House in Downing-Street, Westminster, the Lady Harcourt, Wife to the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Harcourt.

Mist's Journal, June 20, 1724:—

We are informed from Rome that the present Pope bears the most extraordinary character, for the Sanctity of his Life and Manners, of any Prelate who has sat in S^{t}. Peter's Chair for some Ages past, having always lived in a Simplicity and Plainness equal to the primitive Fathers of the Church, contemning Wealth, and despising worldly Honours. When he was first offer'd the Promotion of a Cardinal, he refused it, and, to avoid that Dignity, went away from Rome into a Part of the Ecclesiasticall State near the Sea, where, certain Corsairs of Barbary making a Descent, he was carried into Slavery; but Pope Innocent the XIth, then reigning, redeem'd him, paying a great Ransom. After his Release, he was prevailed upon to accept of the Purple, but it is said he never wore the Cardinal's Habit but one Day. He was also made Archbishop of Benevento; but, from the Day of his possessing it to the present Time, he has constantly bestowed the whole Revenues of his Archbishoprick upon the Poor. And since his Promotion to the Papal Crown, he has not yet been seen out of the Habit of a Dominican Frier.

June 22 (Mon.). On Saturd. last, in the afternoon, being at Sir William Gifford's, by New-Inn-Hall Lane, about some business, I saw the Breach lately made there by the Lightning. It is very remarkable, considering the lowness of the house, and shews that the Clouds, as indeed they were, were extraordinary neer. It came in at the top of the House, at the North East Corner, broke some of the laths of the Cieling, passed down to the boards, as appears by a line that it made (without any damage) in the Wall, then broke a stone just near the boards, broke in pieces a Box, without firing the linnen in it, or doing any damage to the linnen in it (tho' it burnt some woolen cover, either at the sides or bottom of it), went westwards up to the cieling again, & burnt some more laths there, then pass'd down to the Kitchen between two Maid Servants (one of w^{ch}, being the House Keeper, told me the story, & was the person that shew'd me the House), putting them into a terrible fright (from w^{ch} it was some considerable time before they could be recovered), after w^{ch} it burst, as they thought, in the Kitchen, but they being not, by reason of their consternation, able to give any distinct account as to that particular, I rather believe that it passed out at an East Window of the Kitchen, because the Window Glass was much shattered, notwithstanding now mended again.

June 23 (Tu.). On Friday last (June 19) M^{r}. Dobson, Warden of New College, was presented in the Convocation House to the Degree of D^{r}. of Divinity.

I have got by me Fabyan's Chronicle, but imperfect, of the Edition (as I take it) printed at London in 1559, fol. (without the wooden Cuts), with alterations & additions by Robert Record, in the ii^{d} Part of which (pag. 304) is this note about a Pall.

[Extract omitted.]

June 24 (Wed.). Neither Baleus nor Pitseus have given an exact list of the writings of John Skelton, the Poet laureat, as is even noted by Anthony Wood, who is likewise very defective on that score, as having not seen many Things of wch he was Author. My Friend, Mr. John Murray of London, is a very great admirer of this Poet, and picks up every thing of him that he can meet with, and, indeed, he hath light upon several pieces not seen by Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood, in Athenæ Oxon., vol. i, col. 487, speaks of a Latin Life of John Fisher, Bp of Rochester, as a MS. he had seen. Mr. Baker of Cambridge, in a Letter of Aug. 13th last, informs me that, being making some Collections concerning this Bp (to whom, in a great measure, they owe the Foundation of their (St. John's) College), he made Enquiry by a Friend concerning this MS., from whom he understood that Mr. Wood, instead of seeing it, had only taken a note of it from Dr. Langbaine's Papers. My Friend, Roger Gale, Esq., hath the MS., and Mr. Baker hath had the use of it from him, from his Father's MSS., and he believes it to be the only Copy now extant of that Life.

June 25 (Th.). Mr. Ashmole informs us, in his History of the Garter, p. 129, from the Patent Rolls, that much of the Stone with wch Windsor Castle is built (the greatest part of which seems to have been finished in the forty-third year of K. Edw. III) was digg'd out of the Quarries of Wellesford, Helwell, Careby, Heseleberg, and Demelby. He does not tell us where the said Quarries were. Welford in Barks., in Faircross Hundred, being a Rectory in the Deanery of Newbury; another in Glouc.sh., in Deerhurst hund.; & a 3d in Devonsh., in Hartland hund. There is Helwell in Devonsh., in Black Torrin hund. There is Careby in Lincolnsh., in Beltislow hund. There is Haselbury in Wilts., in Chipenham hund. And we have Dembleby in Linc.sh., in Aveland hund.

Sir Philip Sydenham writ me word lately that he hop'd my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., *had the Collections of Mr. Vincent, the learned and laborious Herauld that wrote against Mr. Brooke, for a very learned Antiquary, in his Preface, says that Mr. Vincent's book of the Antiq-s of Northamptonsh. were neer publishing, but* (Sr Philip supposes) *never were, to the injury of Learning.*

June 24, 1724. H. to [B. L. Calvert] (Rawl. 110. 97). B. L. C.'s letter of March 28 last was very welcome. Remarks on copper plates and Roman inscription at Lyons, Roman remains at Nismes, MSS. at Lucca, &c. Is at present of Sir Walter Raleigh's opinion about the triremes. Has sent Robert of Gloucester by Mr. Lowe, but Ld. Lichfield has not received his copy yet. 'On the 16th of March last died my worthy Friend, John Bridges, Esq., leaving behind him a great heap of MSS. Collections (all, as far as I can hear, indigested) for his design'd Antiquities of Northamptonshire. They are to be kept in the Family, but his Library is to be sold.'

June 24, 1724. H. to W. Foulkes (Rawl. 26. 60b). Not hearing from Sir Thomas Sebright, is afraid his books may have miscarried.

June 24, 1724. H. to [Charles] Lowe (Rawl. 110. 96). Wants the enclosed sent to Mr. Calvert by the earliest convenience.

June 25, 1724. T. Hinton to H. (Rawl. 15. 83). Sends £1 3*s*. for Robert of Gloucester by Mr. Collis, to whom the book may be delivered.

In the same letter he observes that *at Spalding, in the very sink of Lincolnshire, is a Library*, and that *formerly the great men of Eng. had their professors and Heraulds. The Earl of Leicester kept Dr. Fulk of Camb., where he read his Prælectiones in Apocalypsin, & had sev. Noblemen for his Auditors. Cities, also, as Coventry, which allowed the very Learned Dr. Holland, the best and surest Translator wee ever had, forty pounds per ann., & I hope* (saith Sir P.) *other Noblemen had the same honour & reverence for Religion & Learning. The Duke of North. also the adjoining town of Yeovill* [sic] *had a Society for Religion, but now very much debauch'd by swearing & blasphemy and dissolute Alehouses.*

June 26 (Fri.). Sir Philip Sydenham, in another Letter (written soon after the former), informs me that having sold his Estate at Brimpton Devercy in Somersetshire, occasioned by his Misfortunes, and being, withall, about to sell his Library, he is now obliged to a very deserving Friend and Kinsman, Mr. Hump. Sydenham, by whose favour he still continues there. The said Mr. Hump. Sydenham (Sir Philip tells me) is a very extraordinary Gentleman. He is a descendant of the famous H. Sydenham, mentioned in Mr. Wood. He hath just left Cambridge, of which Univ. he was a great Ornament, and will (Sir Philip questions not) be also to the Country where he lives.

June 27 (Sat.). Yesterday I purchas'd (for 3s.) Mr. Rich. Broughton's *Monasticon Britannicum*, Lond., 1655, 8vo, and comparing it with that wch bears his name, & is intitled, *A True memorial of the antient, most holy, and religious estate of Great Britain*, &c., Lond., 1650, 8vo, which I saw in Stephen Fletcher the Bookseller's Shop, I found them to be the very same Book, only the Title altered, & a new date put, tho' they are mentioned as two distinct Books by Mr. Wood, *Athenæ Oxon.*, vol. i, col. 854, tho' he had guess'd that they were in many things the same. But it seems he had not seen the Book with the Title of *A true Memorial*, &c.

June 28 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of June 27, 1724:—

We are inform'd by some English Travellers, who pass'd by the Monument lately erected near Bologne by George Tourville, Esq., out of a pious Regard to his Countrymen murthered there, that the Inscriptions on the said

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Cannot give any information about Rumsey Abbey. Account of the parish church, which formerly belonged to the Abbey.

June 27, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 19). Gladly subscribes for H.'s future books, 'and am only sorry I was not sooner acquainted with your Works, which are so very pleasing and Curious that I can't help being Transported on ye Discovery of so uncommon a Genious. Pardon this Digression, which in a Stranger may be thought impertinent, tho' nothing less than truth, and deservedly your due, Who, I could wish, would think me worthy of a place in your Diary or Kalendar of Friends, and to induce You to it, have sent 2 MSS. for your perusall, and will send a Catalogue of all my Choicest Books, if desir'd.' Account of an 'Old English Festivall,' &c. 'If These, or any Others in my Possession, will be serviceable, You may Freely Command ym and me both, who am, sincerely (with ye bold Britain, sed non Passibus æquis), Tuus per Saxa, per Ignes, Tho. Ward.'

Monument are eras'd, by whom, and for what Reasons, we know not; however, as a Draught of the same is already engraved on a Plate, and published here in London, the Memory of that most barbarous Massacre is like to be preserved and transmitted to Posterity.

When Mr. Wm Brome, of Ewithington, near Hereford, was in Town, on June 18th last, in his return from London, he told me that the late Earl of Oxford, notwithstanding what had been reported, had the true use of his Understanding ever since he was in the Tower; that he had his senses intire to the last; that he died in a very quiet, composed manner, and that he put his hand up and closed his own Eyes, and fix'd his Jaw. Mr. Brome was well acquainted with him, rid out with him in his Ldship's Coach, on the Monday, to make a visit, sat up with him till 11 C[l]ock at night, when his Ldship was well & cheerfull, & died on the Wednesday following, of a pleuretick feaver. He said his Ldship had never had his true health since he was stabb'd. He told me he believ'd he was an honest Man, & a true Friend to K. James III, but that he could do nothing, finding those to be Knaves and Villains that should have been firm and have been assisting, such as Ld Bullingbroke, who most certainly is a R., having been discarded at K. J.'s Court for betraying all his secrets, and some others. I could not but give great Attention to Mr. Brome on this score, because he is a man of great Modesty and Integrity; and, indeed, I have heard some other honest men say the same thing, tho' others have asserted the contrary.

June 29 (Mon., St. Peter). On Monday Morning, the 22d instant, the Corpse of the Lady Harcourt was carried out of London, to be interr'd at Stanton-Harcourt (wch was accordingly done) in Oxfordshire, with great funeral State and Solemnity.

On Friday Sennight (June 19th), about five in the Evening, a dreadfull Fire broke out at Wooburne in Bedfordshire, at a House where they were brewing. It burnt with the utmost Violence till about ten the next Morning, and consumed about 100 Houses. The George and Lyon Inns escaped, as did also the Church, but with great Difficulty. It is impossible to express the melancholy Scene occasioned by this Disaster.

June 30 (Tu.). On the 11th instant, as there was in many places much Mischief done by the great Lightning and Thunder, so at Oddington, near Stow in Gloucestershire, two Men were kill'd with it, as they were mowing in a Meadow, & two Cows.

Since the writing of the aforesaid passage, I have talk'd with a Man that knows Oddington very well, as being not born far from it. He told me that there were two Men & two Cows struck down. One of the Men was kill'd out right, the other was stunn'd, & much damag'd, especially one side of him, but he is now come to his senses. The Cows were kill'd. The men were standing for shelter under an Oak. The Oak was not damag'd, wch is remarkable.

I remember, when I was a Schoolboy, there was a terrible Tempest of Thunder & Lightning. We were very apprehensive of damage in the parish of White-Waltham. It was in the Afternoon. Soon after the Tempest was over, News was brought that in a ground hardly half a mile off there was an Oak shattered to pieces by the lightning, and a magpie

(that had been on the top of the tree) lay dead under it. I saw the thing myselff. The pye lay dead, and the Splinters of the Oak were scattered all over the ground, wch was a pretty big close, full of other trees, & most part of it surrounded with Coppice wood.

July 1 (Wed.). Mr. Baker (in a Letter from Cambridge, Dec. 1, 1723) told me that the Patronage of the Church of Aldworth in Berks. belongs to their (St. John's) College, was originally in the Priory of Bromehall (in the Parish of Winkfeild, in Windsor Forest), & came to them from that Nunnery; but he hath met with nothing among their writings concerning the Antiquities of the place, & should be glad of any account of that nature. The present Incumbent, late Fellow of that College, is a very honest, good man, but no Antiquary.

I heard a good character of the Incumbent, when I walk'd to Aldworth some Years ago, some time after wch I writ something about the Place at the End of Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More, and have occasionally mentioned it elsewhere.

July 2 (Th.). On Tuesday last was a Convocation, at 9 Clock, that Mr. Thistlethwayt, Warden of Wadham College, might have two Terms given him, so as to be standing this Term for accumulating B. & Doctor of Div., wch, accordingly, was done, tho' not without Opposition, the matter being carried for him by a Majority of only two Votes. There was great grumbling on the occasion, especially because he really had three Terms given him, the Term of accumulating being reckoned by his Friends as if he really had kept one towards the Degree of Dr. more than he had. Had not this Concession of Terms being granted, he would not have been qualified to continue Warden of Wadham College, the Statutes of wch (as I am told) require the Warden to be Dr. within such a time. But I have but an imperfect Notion of the Thing. 'Tis very unreasonable, however, that the University should be byass'd to act wrongfully upon account of the private Statutes of a College. I say wrongfully, because giving of Terms to one not fully standing is manifestly so, and tends to the prejudice of the University. We have an instance of that in that Coxcombe, Bowles (of whom the whole University, as well as others, are now sick), who had two Terms given him for qualifying him for the Degree of Bach. of Arts, otherwise he could not have been Fellow of Oriel-College, & 'twas that Grant that made him Master of Arts sooner than he would have been. Indeed, had it not been for that, he would not have been Master of Arts at the time Dr. Hudson dyed, & consequently would have been unqualifyed for Head Librarian, tho, after all, he was not compleat Master when he was elected. But it may be, after all, he would have been chosen, as there was an Infatuation at that time, had he been only Batch. of Arts.

July 3 (Fri.). There is now living at Bisseter in Oxfordshire an elderly Man, that is a Wheelwright, a perverse, obstinate, conceited Fellow, of a shallow Wit, that gets scraps of Scripture, & sets up for a teacher of strange doctrines, & I am told he holds forth every Sunday in his own house. I happened to see him here in Oxford on Wednesday last (as I had also seen him here about a year agoe), & heard him speak

for some time most blasphemously, maintaining that God is the Author of all Evil, & that no mischief is done but what is to be ascrib'd to him. He was zealous also at the same time for Predestination, & I know not what, but in all his discourse he contradicted himself most strangely, & talked like a very silly, illiterate fellow, as he really is. He bears, in all respects (as far as I can learn), a very ill character. Sometime agoe he lived at Wendlebury, where he was prosecuted for refusing to pay his dues to the Minister.

July 4 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, being at the Muséum, Mr. Whiteside shew'd me some of Anth. â Wood's Papers that he lately got for that Place out of Dr. Charlett's Study. I look'd over two Bundles, & gather (as Dr. Tanner had told me) yt there is no great matter in them, besides what is printed. They are, however, vouchers of many Things yt Anthony had said. Many of them are nothing but little, odd scraps of Paper.

Mr. Sheldon was Anthony's great Friend. He writ himself Raphe Sheldon. In 168½, Jan. 6th, he, Mr. Sheldon, mentions ten Pounds he had sent for Mr. Joyner. This must be Mr. Wm Joyner.

There is an original Letter, tho' not sign'd, written by John Aubrey, Esq., & dated Jan. 16, 1671, by wch I find that what Anthony said abt Judge Jenkyns, insinuating that after the restauration he might have been made one of the Judges of Westminster Hall, if he would have given Money to the then Lord Chancellour, he had from Mr. Aubrey, whose words in that Letter are these: *'Twas pitty he was not made one of the Judges of Westminster Hall for his long sufferings, and he might have been (he told me), if he would have given money to the Chancellor; but he scorned it. He needed it not, for he had his estate again, 1500l. per an., & being old & carceribus confractus.——Mr. T. H. Malmesb. told him, one day at dinner, that that hereafter would not shew well for somebodie's honour in History.* In the same Letter, before what I have transcrib'd is,—*David Jenkins writing this wise out of Ausonius, not long before he dyed, to Sir Llewellin Jenkins,* ' et baculo innitens in qua repetebat arenâ '.

I find by a Letter of Mr. Aubrey's (dated Feb. 1, 1671), among those Papers, that Mr. Wood became acquainted in that Year (1671) with Raphe Sheldon, Esq., by Mr. Aubrey's means.

Mr. Winceslaus Hollar died in Gardiner's lane, Westm., an. 167(6), & lyes buried in St. Margaret's Church Yard, neare the Tower, N.W.

What Anthony hath said about Dr. Thomas Worthington, President of the English College at Doway, he had chiefly from one of Worthington's Successors in the Presidentship, who writ to Anthony, & sent him a Latin Extract out of the Register there.

What he hath said about Dr. Thomas Sutton, vol. i, col. 407, 408, he had, in good measure, from one old Mrs. Bury of Abbington.

'Tis almost incredible to see from Anthony's Papers (wch I have also often heard said) what Pains Mr. Aubrey took to get Anthony Intelligence, wch Anthony used also to acknowledge in Company, saying that

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July 4, 1724. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 147). [Most of this letter, about the election of an Abbess of Rumsey Nunnery, is printed in the Preface to *Peter Langtoft*, p. cci.]

he (Mr. Aubrey) would go over fire & water to serve him, & yet, for all that, at last Anthony despised him, as I have heard it spoken several times.

July 5 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of Saturd., July 4, 1724:—

The fine Monument that is erecting in Westminster-Abbey to the Memory of the ingenious Matthew Prior, Esq., is now finish'd. We were told, some time ago, that the following Epitaph, said to be done by himself, was to be put upon it, *viz.*

Nobles and Poets, by your Leave,
Here lye the Bones of *Matthew Prior*,
The Son of ADAM and of EVE:
Let *Bourbon* or *Nassaw* go higher.

Among his Poems we find the following Epitaph, with this Title to it, *For my own Tomb*:—

To me 'tis given to die, to thee 'tis given
To live; alas! one Moment sets us even:
Mark, how Impartial is y^e^ Will of Heaven.

But we do not find that either of these have taken Place, but the following Inscription is engraven thereon, viz. under that curious Bust that was done at Paris by an admirable Hand, and presented to the said M^r^. Prior by the late French King, we read what follows:—

Sui Temporis Historiam meditanti
Paulatim obrepens Febris
Operis, simul &^e^ vitæ filum
Abrupit,
Sept. 18, *An. Dom.* 1721,
Ætat. 57.

Lower down upon the Monument is inscribed:—

Mathæus Prior, Armiger,
Qui
Hos omnes, quibus cumulatus est, Titulos,
Humanitatis, Ingenij, Eruditionis, laude
Superavit:
Cui Enim nascenti faciles arriserant Musæ;
Hunc Puerum Schola hic Regia perpolivit;
Juvenem in Collegio Sancti Johannis
Cantabrigia optimis Scientijs instruxit;
Virum denique auxit &^e^ perfecit
Multa cum viris Principibus consuetudo;
Ita Natus, ita Institutus,
A vatum Choro avelli nunquam potuit,
Sed solebat sæpe rerum Civilium gravitatem
Amœniorum Literarum Studijs condire:
Et cum omne adeo Poëtices Genus
Haud infæliciter tentaret,
Tum in Fabellis concinne lepideque texendis
Mirus Artifex
Neminem habuit parem:
Hæc liberalis animi oblectamenta,
Quàm nullo illi labore constiterint,
Facile ij perspexere quibus usus est Amicis,

Apud quos Urbanitatum &ª Leporum plenus,
Cum ad rem, quæcunque forte inciderat,
Aptè, variè, copioséque alluderet,
Præterea nihil quæsitum, nihil vi expressum
Videbatur,
Sed omnia ultro Effluere,
Et quasi jugi è Fonte affatim exuberare,
Ita suos tandem dubios reliquit,
Essetne in scriptis Poeta Elegantior,
An in Convictu Comes jucundior.

July 6 (Mon.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, Mr. Ralph Bridges, Brother of my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., call'd upon me. He told me his Brother's Books are to be sold, but not by Auction. He said a few Copies will be printed of the Catalogue of his Brother's Books, & that the Catalogue is done after the manner of Thuanus's Catalogue.

He told me that the Earl of Salisbury hath a Collection of the Ld Treasurer Burghley's Letters, & many other Papers in MSSt, at Hatfield in Hartfordshire. Perhaps Dr. Savage, Governour formerly to my Ld Salisbury, & now Rector of Clothall in Hartfordshire, can give some account of them.

He said his Brother's Books are in number about six or seven thousand Volumes, that they will not appear anything near so valuable by the Catalogue as by a view of them, they being finely bound, in the better paper, & all clean Books, it being his way always to procure, if possible, the best Paper & the fairest Copies, insomuch yt he laid out a great deal of Money sometimes in exchanging Books. For tho' he had a good Copy before, yet if he met with a better, he would spare no money to exchange it for that better book.

He said that a MS. Copy of the Papers about the Queen of Scots (such as those I have printed in my Glossary to Rob. of Gloucester) is bound up with his Brother's Copy, in large Paper, of Camden's Eliz., of my Ed., & that it was taken from his (the said Mr. Ralph Bridges's) Copy, wch Copy Mr. Ralph Bridges formerly shew'd me in Oxford, at the Greyhound, but I took nothing from it, having the Papers before, all but Davison's Apology in English, wch I did not copy because the Substance thereof is in Camden.

July 7 (Tu.). Mr. Bridges told me, at the same time, that he paid three Guineas for my Ed. of John Rosse's *Historia Regum Angliæ* to Mr. Fletcher Gyles, a London Bookseller, who had bought it with the Study of the late Bp of Winchester, Sir Jonathan Trelawny.

On Thursday last was married William Bromley, Esq., lately Gentleman Commoner of Xt Church (& Son of the honble Wm Bromley, of Baginton in Warwicksh, Esq., Member of Parliament for the Univ. of Oxon.), to Mrs. Thogmorton, a good fortune, & of a very ancient Family in Warwickshire. This young Mr. Bromley (who is my particular acquaintance) returned lately from travelling, having been at Rome.

July 8 (Wed.). Yesterday the before mentioned Mr. Ralph Bridges

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July 8, 1724. H. to W. Stratford (Diaries, 104. 35). Acknowledges receipt of a guinea for Mr. Thomas's Robert of Gloucester. W. S.'s copy is

was presented, in the Convocation House, to the degree of Bach. & Dr. of Div., as an accumulator, and Member of Trinity College.

July 9 (Th.). Mr. Kimber of Holywell told me last night that he might, some Years ago, have had Cressy's Church History (the book being then common) for four shillings, wch I gave lately fourty shillings for, tho' my Copy is indeed a fair one.

July 10 (Fri.). Mr. Hawkins, a Chirurgeon of Oxon. (& a younger Brother of Mr. Serjeant Hawkins), told me yesterday that 'tis strange that at Taragon, and other Places where he hath been, such great Numbers of old Roman Coyns should be found, even under hard Rocks, a Thing wch, however, he knows to be true from his own observation.

July 11 (Sat.). Yesterday, walking to Stanton St. John's, I took notice of an old pollard Oak, just as we turn out of the road to Brill to go to Stanton, wch seems to be as old as 1546, or the beginning of Edw. VIt's Reign. Adjoining to Stanton Church Yard, at the N.W. End, is a Cabbidge Garden, wch seems to have been formerly part of the Church Yard.

On Thursday last died Mrs. Richardson, wife of Mr. Stephen Richardson, of Holywell in Oxford[1], wch Steph. Richardson is the person that was made by Dr. Gardiner Architypographus, quite contrary to the University Statutes, according to the purport of wch Statutes a Scholar ought to be elected, I mean a man well skill'd in Greek & Latin &

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ready to be delivered. 'Your servant let me into your Study this afternoon, where I had a view of your Copy of Pitseus. It is a valuable book. The MSSt Notes, however few, are good.' Mr. John Theyer was an able man.

July 8, 1724. H. to T. Ward (Rawl. 110. 86). Had so short a view of the MSS. that he could not judge them exactly. The English Chronicle seemed the most considerable. 'Should it prove different from *Brute*, it will be a curiosity, & may prove of good service in our History. But should it be *Brute*, it will be of less use than many other Copies of that Chronicle, wch come as low as Henry the VIth's reign.' More on same subject. Remarks on the pamphlet about the reputed Nunnery at Little Gidding, and other books.

July 9, 1724. H. to [R. Furney] (Rawl. 5. 148). R. F.'s letter confirms what is said by Langtoft that the Nunnery of Rumsey was founded by King Edgar for a hundred nuns. Thinks he will have occasion to print the extract. 'I suppose you have got some new preferment, &, if so, I should willingly give you your just Titles, if you will give me leave.' If R. F. has any curious particulars relating to Winchester, will make good use of them.

July 9, 1724. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 12). Sends eight guineas for Langtoft for various subscribers; also some fragments, which he begs H. to accept.

July 11, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 173). Account of subscriptions received for Langtoft. Thanks for fragments, also received. Has J. M. a pamphlet entitled, The Arminian Nunnery at Little-Gidding in Huntingdonshire, 1641, 4to? Saw it formerly at the Bodleian Library.

July 11, 1724. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 19. 63). Mr. Pepys' MSS. were formerly in the custody of Mr. Jackson: supposes they were devised to some

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[1] She was buried in Holywell Church, on Sunday Night, July 12th.

Philology, w^ch^ Richardson knows nothing of, & the superior Beadleship of Law is annex'd to it. Accordingly, the writer of these Matters was honourably chosen Architypographus, but, notwithstanding that, Gardiner gave the place to Richardson, & let the Fag end of the Place (viz. the Beadleship) only go to the writer (who was forc'd to resign in a little time), for w^ch^ Gardiner, & others that countenanced & abetted him, have been often cursed & severely reflected upon.

July 12 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal, Sat., July 11^th^, 1724:—

Last Week the Son of the Right Honourable W^m^ Bromley, Esq., was marry'd to M^rs^. Throgmorton, a Lady of 30000l. Fortune.

This being Act Sunday, the Sermon at S^t^. Marie's, in the Morning, before y^e^ University, was preached by D^r^. Ralph Bridges of Trinity College, and that in the Afternoon by M^r^. Fiddes of All Souls Coll. I never knew the University so thin of Strangers at this time of y^e^ Year.

July 13 (Mon.). Being last Night two or three hours with Dr. Ralph Bridges, at his lodgings at Trinity Coll., he shew'd me the MS. of John Bever's Chronicle in that College Library, which was written in Hen. VI^s^ time, to whose time the History is carried. It belong'd once to D^r^. David Powell, that published Gyraldus Cambrensis & the Welsh History.

He also shew'd me the MS. of Edward the Confessor's Life, in old English. 'Tis a fair book, but I know not of what authority, tho' the D^r^. said it was better than Aluredus Rhievallensis.

There is a MS. of Bever in the Cotton Library, thus intit in the Cat. by D^r^. Smith: Vitellius xvii. 4, *Chronicon Joannis Castoris, qui & Fiber, & vulgo Bever dicitur, Monachi Westmonasteriensis, ab Æneа ad R. Henricum III, i. e. ad annum* 1216.

He told me that he would take care to digest & publish his Brother John's Papers, if they would give him Preferment.

July 14 (Tu.). Yesterday I rec^d^ from Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, some MSS. that he hath lent me, viz.

1. A Modern Thing, in 8^vo^, about the State of the X^tian^ Church. It is against the Roman Catholicks.

2. A little paper MS., in 4^to^, containing (1) The interrement of Kinge Henry the Seventh; (2) The order of the coronation of kinge Henry the eighte, Anno 1509, 23^o^ Junij; (3) The originall of Heralds: begins, *Eneas Sylvius wold have the Heralds to be so called.*

3. A Quarto MS. about Rome, in two books, the first of which is of

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college after his death. The book from the Inner Temple Library belonged to William Petyt, Esq., 'and was given by us, who were his trustees, to that place.' Mr. Pepys' book may be a copy of it. H. may mention Mr. Petyt's legacy in his preface. 'I am now in a hurry about the Installations.'

July 13, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 20). 'Your Letter has perswaded me y^t^ my Folio MS^t^ must be y^e^ same with what you stile Brute's Chronicle, tho' on comparing it with Caxton's, I found some difference.' More on same subject. Has sent H. the 'Old English Festivall,' with an account (following this letter) of three valuable books he has lately met with. [See Diary, July 14.]

the thinges done only at Rome, the second of things done, as occasion serveth, at Rome or elsewhere.

4. The Book called Festial, or Festival, a folio MS. on vellum. It hath been printed by Wynken de Worde, but the English in the MS. is more antique. Yet in the print are *quatuor Sermones*, wch are not in the MS., nor, indeed, do they belong to the Festival, being printed ye Year after.

At the same time, I recd from him two printed Books, wch he likewise lent me, viz.

1. The Copie of a Letter sent out of England to Don Bernardin Mendoza, Ambassadour in France for the King of Spaine, &c.; Lond., 1588, 4°.

2. Icones sive Imagines virorum illustrium; 4°.

July 15 (Wed.). Mr. Edw. Welchman, who writ the silly Thing about taking the Oaths, hath just published, in 8vo, Novatian, with Notes, printed at the Theater.

Mr. Hinton, Rector of Lasham in Hampshire, calling upon me to-day, told me that the Place where Archbp Abbot kill'd the Keeper of the Park with an Arrow is Braniswell in Hampshire, where Sir John Cope now lives.

He said that the Place where Walter Tyrrell passed over the River, after he had kill'd Wm Rufus, is to this day call'd Tyrrell's Ford.

Yesterday seeing Sir John Curson of Water Perry's Son, he told me that he believ'd there was once a Nunnery at Kidlington, and that there is some land there call'd Bury Abbey.

[Quasi-facsimile of an inscription omitted.]

This is a Copy of an old Inscription, written over a Chimney piece, or rather, cut in stone, at Piddleton in Dorsetshire, & now and then puzzles the Country Vicars, as I had it from a Letter, on July 13, 1724, written to Mr. Jonathan Colley of Christ Church by Mr. Dawney, a nobleman formerly of that College. It was dated from Piddleton, on July 13, 1724:—

Dominus Willelmus Owen, | *vicarius istius loci*, | *Quoth boka icy.*

Quoth frequent in MSS., & other Books & Monuments, for *inquit* or *testatur*, & 'tis now in common use. *Boka*, an old bit of wood, a mouth; *icy*, hîc.

July 16 (Th.). Dr. Bridges told me, on Sunday night last, that my Ld Pembroke told him that a MS. called *Rota Temporum* was worth my Publication, being a good Thing, & he could procure it, being in the hands of the Lord Viscount Tarbet. Nicolson mentions it in p. 110 of his Scottish Historical Library, where he says, *The* Rota Temporum *is a Chronological* Compendium *of* Scotch *History, written by a Brother of the minor Observants at* Jedburgh, *in the year* 1533. *The Book is in my Lord* Tarbet's *Library, and is quoted as a good Authority by* Cambden[1].

[1] Britan., N. E., col. 921.

July 17 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. Samuel May of London call'd upon me, & we spent some time together. This Person, tho' a Druggist by trade, is yet curious in our English History and Antiquities, & hath a good Collection. He went to School with Mr. Anstis. Mr. Anstis is two Years older than he. He hath got a little Thing (he said, a sheet & an half of Paper), printed in 4to, about General Monk's title to the Crown of England. It is a wonderfull Rarity. He bought it in one of Mr. Rawlinson's Auctions. He gave about 10 shillings for it. He hath been offered for it a Guinea & an half.

He said some Years agoe he bought the first Ed. of Hollingshede's Chron., in the Country, in two Vols., for ten shillings, but, upon his Return to London, he was offered ten Pounds for them, tho' the first Vol. wants the Title Page.

He said Mr. John Murray was formerly a Bookseller, what I had not heard of before, & can hardly now think that he was so, notwithstanding he often sells his Books, when he hath Duplicates, to Friends and curious Men, on purpose to oblige them.

Mr. May hath a compleat collection, as it were, of what hath been written upon our Counties, only, he says, he wants Sir Rob. Adkyns's Gloucestershire. I told him I gave five Guineas for one. He says he offered five Guineas for one, but could not get it, tho' it was but an indifferent Copy. He said it was a very hard matter to meet with a good Copy of Sir Robt's Book. Mine is a very good one.

He said he offered Mr. Thomas Rawlinson, some time agoe, five Guineas for Dugdale's Warwickshire, for wch price I bought two Copies, but that now he will give very little for it, Mr. Rawlinson having then refus'd his Offer, the book being now reprinting, with great Additions, by Mr. Wm Thomas of Warwickshire.

Memorand. yt Mr. Rance, Senior (who hath been ill ever since, & for some time before, Whitsontide), told me this Afternoon that out of every pound that is paid for printing books at the University Press, if a thousand are printed, four shillings are due to the University, but if there be only such a small Number as I print, then only two shillings and six Pence are to be paid in ye Pound to the University.

July 18 (Sat.). On Monday last Mr. Medcalfe, formerly of Hart-Hall, was presented to the degree of Dr. of Physick, having entered himself of Queen's-Coll. He lately married one of the Daughters of the late Captain Clarke.

July 19 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal, July 18, 1724:—

We hear that the Rev. Mr. Samuel Harris, lately Fellow of Peter-House in Cambridge, will be appointed First Professor of History and the Modern Languages in the University of Cambridge, and Mr. (David) Gregory of Xt's Church first Professor of the same in the University of Oxford, pursuant to the new Foundation establish'd by his Majesty.

Last Saturday died the famous Mrs. Manley, Author of the *Atalantis*, and several other ingenious Writings. She was Daughter of Sir Roger Manley, formerly Governor of the Isle of Jersey.

July 18, 1724. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 26). Received H.'s of the 8th instant. [See extract from this letter, Diary, July 22.]

From Paris we are informed that two of the Ruffians who last Year assassinated the English Gentlemen, have been broke alive upon the Wheel, one on the fourteenth, and the other on the fifteenth of this Instant, N. S., and that one of them had impeached two Women and two Men.

Afterwards in the same Paper is the following account of that matter:—

They write from Paris that, on the 14th of July, N. S., Sentence was pronounced, and the same day executed, upon Joseph Bisseau, who had taken the name of Gratien D'avanelle, Merchant Jeweller of Liege, and Peter Lefebvre, Merchant Jeweller, in the following manner: A Scaffold being erected in the Place called the Greve, in that City, they had their Arms, Legs, Thighs, and Loins broken upon it, and then laid on a Wheel, with their Faces towards Heaven, where they remained till they dy'd; from whence the dead Bodies were to be conveyed, viz. that of Joseph Bisseau to the Highway near Calais, where the English Gentlemen were robb'd and murther'd, and that of Peter Lefebvre to the Highway near Peronne, whereabouts the Stage Coach of Lisle was robb'd, and two that followed it murther'd, there to be exposed to View, each upon a Wheel, for which Robberies and Murthers they suffered the severe Punishments above-mentioned. The Judgment of the Process against John Baptist Bisseau, Elizabeth Gottequin, Mary Merance, Adrien Beausse, Catherine Moffet, Mary Beausse, Anne Tourry, Mary Catherine Francoise, and Mary Joan Beausse, were put off till this Execution should be over, that the Truth might be extorted from their Mouths of certain Facts relating to the Process.

Some Days ago died the Rt Rev. Dr. John Tyler, Bp of Landaff, and Dean of Hereford, in a very advanced age.

In the Storm that happened last Tuesday, a Woman was killed at Waltham-Abbey by the Light'ning, as she was sheltering in a Porch, and standing between two Men, who received no hurt.

About the same Time, a Man that was Gleaning in a Field, near Egham, was struck dead by the Light'ning, while his Wife, that stood by him, received no Damage.

N.B. We had none of this Storm at Oxford.

July 20 (Mon.). On Saturday Night last was buried in Holywell Church (wch is now new roofing), old Mrs. White (who died on Wednesday last), Mother to Mr. White (the Chymist) of that Parish.

July 21 (Tu.). On Saturday last a young Man, about twenty two Years of Age, who was Hostler at the Flower de luce Inn, was whipp'd, in the forenoon, very severely from Cairfax to Northgate for a Rape upon a Girl (named Blay) of about eight Years old. The Fellow confess'd to the Recorder at his Tryal that he did not actually committ a Rape [. . . . . .].

Old Mr. Bremicham of Oxford tells me that he very well remembers

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July 21, 1724. H. to T. Ward (Rawl. 110. 86b). Thanks for second parcel. Has returned three of the MSS.; will keep the rest a little longer. Who is the H. S. that wrote the letter about Little Gidding? Would be glad to see the three books T. W. met with lately. 'The *promptorium*, perhaps, may be of some service about our old English words. Several of such Grammatical Pieces were printed, in the Infancy of Printing, at Oxford, and, it may be, among these was something of John Leland the Grammarian's, tho' I do not remember to have seen his name prefix'd to any printed Thing.' [PS.] 'Your Couzin West of Balliol-College gives you his service.'

the Siege of Oxford, and the hanging up of one Blake upon an Oak in the way to Abbington, beyond the half way Gate, wch Oak is still standing, but very much decayed. This Blake was a Traytour. Mr. Bremicham says he betray'd three Christian Kings, & was going to betray the fourth, viz. King Charles the Ist, upon wch he was hang'd, within two days after his Design was discovered, upon ye said Oak, wch is called by no other Name than *Blake's Oak*.

This Bremicham says he well remembers the Great House in St. Clement's, that is now down, but was then call'd Boleshipton Farm. He says he rented Part of the Grounds formerly himself, that the Farm was 300 libs. per an., & that all those Grounds on ye left hand ye way, as we go to Heddington Hill, are still call'd Boleshipton.

He says that during the Siege of Oxon. all Parts were drown'd, excepting the North side, wch could not be drown'd, & the way from Oxford to Abbington, wch lay open to bring in Provisions, wch were constantly brought by Waggons, &c., from Abbington. He says Oxford could never have been taken, had not there been treachery. I suppose he thinks there was treachery in the Surrendry, whereas it is look'd upon as a very prudential Thing.

July 22 (Wed.). Mr. William Thomas (in a Letter of July 18 of this Month, written from London) desired me to inspect a MS. in the Ashm. Muséum thus:—

I find in the printed Catalogue of the Oxford MSS., Vol. i, *p.* 370 *b, No.* 8589, 127 (*being the last Volume mentioned of A. Wood's Books in the Mus. Ashm.*), Chartæ Autographæ *belonging to several Religious Houses, &c., amt others, to* Blakmore, *a Priory in Essex. I should be glad* [*if*] *you would, at your leisure, inspect what there is relating to the Foundation & Privileges of that House, & particularly whether there be any thing there relating to Marybone, or Tyburne, which belonged to that Priory 'till it was suppressed by Cardl Wolsey. If there be, I shall desire you to direct to a proper person to transcribe it, who shall be paid for his trouble, but first, I shd be glad to hear from you what there is in that Volume that relates to either of those places.*

On Monday Night, the day after I recd the said Letter, I saw Mr. Whiteside, the Keeper of the Ashm. Muséum, who, upon my mentioning this Affair to him, told me that Dr. Stratford, Canon of Xt Church, had ask'd him about the same business some time since, & that he gave him an answer. He told me that there is nothing upon this Subject in that Volume, but that there is a little bundle of old writings relating to Blackmore Priory, wch he shew'd me, but, it being night, I did not look them carefully over till yesterday, when I found them to be nothing but some leases, damaged & shattered by wet, & other accidents, so very much that 'tis hard to make them out. But I shall here specify more particularly what I observed, by enumerating the several deeds distinctly.

1. The first is (and 'tis that wch Mr. Thomas hints at) a Lease of Meriborne, alias Tyborne, to Thomas Hobson. It bears date 3o of Hen. VIII[1], the Prior being at that time Tho. Alyn.

2. The second is a Lease of the Prior & Convent to Thomas Webster. But 'tis only a Fragment.

[1] 1511.

3. The 3d is indorsed: Indentura Willelmi Whibylles de Clerksland in Gynge Margarete et Priorisland in Gynge Abbes.—Thomas Bassette, prior domus Sancti Laurentij de Blakbourne in Com. Essex, ejusdem conventus unanimi assensu & concensu, dimiserunt [*sic*] ad firmam Willelmo Whibilles, de Gyngmargarete in comitatu prædicto, totam illam terram suam vocatam Clerkeslande, in villa de Gyngemargaret, cum sex acris terræ vocat. Priorisland, jacentibus in villa de Gyngabbes; datum apud Blakemore, xxxti [*sic*] die mensis Septembris, anno 23o Hen. 7 [1].

4. 14 Hen. 8 [2], between Thomas Goodwine, Prior, & the Convent, & Thomas Simond of Blakemore, viz. 'tis a Lease of a meade called Sowtters, of 3 Acres & more in Blakemore.

5. 5o Hen. 8 [3], 34 [4] Oct., between Thomas Goodwyn, Prior of ye House of St. Laurence of Blakemore, & Geffrey Radley, of Norton Maundefeld, com. præd. It is a lease of Priourisland.

6. Nothing but worn out stuff.

7. Inter Thomam Goodwyn, priorem, & Johannem Clerke, de Brendwod in com. præd., yeoman. It is a lease of Prioresland, 13o Febr., undecimo H. 8 [5].

8. Indorsed: Indentura Georgij Irland de Priorisland in Shenfeld.—Inter Robertum, Priorem, & Georgium Irland, civem & Grocerum civ. London., die . . . Sept., anno 1458 [6].

9. Betw. Tho. Goodwyn, Prior of the House & Church of St. Laurence of Blakemore, Com. Ess., &c., & Wm Pascall, of Gyng Margarete in that Com.; they let to him their Parsonage of Gyng Margaret, and also that Land called Straplysland, for 41 Years, for 12 libs. per an., & to give a Quarter of Wheat at Gyng Marg. to the poor, with potations & drinkings at the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, as custome of tyme past had been used, at the Delivery of which Quarter of Wheat the Prior was to give to the said William & his Assigns vi s. viii d. yearly; dat. at Blakemore, Jan. 12, 9o Hen. 8 [7]; other particulars mentioned.

July 23 (Th.). There is a little Scrap of Paper tyed a-top of ye beforesaid Indentures or Leases, with this Title by Mr. Wood's own hand, *Blakamore priory, Essex.* In ye said Leases you see there are four Priors mentioned, viz.

1. Robert, in 1458, 37 H. 6.
2. Tho. Bassette, in 1507, Sept. 30, 23d of H. 7.
3. Tho. Allyn, in 1511, 3d of Hen. 8.
4. Tho. Goodwine, from 1513, 5 H. 8, to 1522, 14 H. 8, two Years after wch the Priory was dissolved, viz. in 1524.

July 23, 1724. Rev. Francis Astry to H. (Rawl. 13. 31). Has two MSS. of Ld. Bruce's relating to Glastonbury Abbey awaiting H.'s order to be delivered. 'My Lord wishes they may be of use to you in what you are about to publish, & gives you the liberty of printing them, if you think fit.'

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[1] A.D. 1507. [2] 1522. [3] 1513.
[4] This must be a Mistake in my Note, wch, as it was taken in hast, so I did not happen to examin it afterwards.
[5] A.D. 1519. [6] 37 Hen. 6. [7] 1517.

Hence it may appear what a gross error Mr. Willis hath committed in saying, p. 78 of his 2d Rhapsodical, faulty Volume of Abbeys, thus :—

BLAKAMORE. *Tho.* BASSET *occurrs Prior An.* 1537, *just before the Dissolution.*

My Letter to Mr. Thomas, by way of Answer[1] :—

Sir,

Soon after I recd your Letter, I apply'd to Mr. Whiteside, who told me Dr. Stratford had spoke to him upon ye same Subject some time before, and that he had given the Dr. an Answer. He said there is nothing in the Volume you refer to about ye Priory of Blackmore, but that there is a little bundle of old parchments relating to that Priory in the Museum, and these he shew'd me. But I found them to be so far from being *Charters relating to the Foundation & Privileges of that House*, that they are nothing but rotten, broken, shattered Leases, one of wch (& 'tis that, I suppose, wch you mean) is a Lease of Meriborne, alias Tyborne, to Thomas Hobson, in the 3d of Hen. VIII, by the Prior & Convent of the said Priory. I saw nine of these broken Leases or Indentures, the oldest of wch is in Septemb., 1458, 37 H. 6, but I saw nothing in either of them but that I have mentioned about either Meriborne or Tyborne, and I should hardly think even that worth transcribing.

I am, Sir,
Your most humble servt,
THO. HEARNE.

Edm. Hall, Oxon.
July 23, 1724.

July 24 (Fri.). I am told Dr. Garth, who writ that famous English Poem called *The Dispensary*, was a Man of no Religion, that when he was upon his Death-bed, & the Subject of another Life mentioned to him, he said he had done what good he could, and he did not trouble himself about what was to come. He was buried at Harrow on the Hill.

July 25 (Sat.). Mr. John Ray that writ the History of Plants, & was look'd upon to be the best Naturalist in England, confess'd upon his Death-bed that he was episcopally ordained. So I am told it appears in the Account of his Death printed in his Letters that were published by Mr. Derham.

The Church of Sunningwell, near Abbington in Berks., is so built in ye form of a Cross that the Tower (wch is on the North side) makes the

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Ld. B. mentioned several sums of money to be paid to H.: can't remember particulars at present. 'If you shall think proper to print these MSS., I take the freedom to intimate to you that I believe My Lord would not care to have a Dedication made to him.'

July 23, 1724. H. to —— (Rawl. 39. 123). Has run over Henriquez, but finds two only of his writers to have been of Dore Abbey, viz. Adamus Dorensis, who flourished in 1200, and Caducanus, who died in 1225. Does not at present remember anything about the Legend of St. Thomas of Lancaster. Is now printing Langtoft's Chronicle.

July 25, 1724. H. to F. Astry (Rawl. 13. 31a). Is much obliged to Ld. Bruce for the loan of the MSS., which may be sent by Godfrey, the

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[1] See Vol. 108, p. 37.

North part of y^e^ Cross. The Porch of this Church is very remarkable, being done in such a manner that I take it to have been once an Oratory.

This day going into M^r^. Clements the Bookseller's Shop, I saw a fourth Ed. of my *Ductor Historicus*, in two Volumes, advertis'd in the London Journal. But this is done without my Privity or Knowledge.

July 26 (Sun.). About a fortnight since, was brought to bed of a boy at Wotton, near Woodstock, the Widow of the late D^r^. John Keil. [. . . . . .] She hath kept company, for a great Part of the time ever since D^r^. Keil died, with one M^r^. Castleman, Master of Arts & Fellow of All-Souls-College. For some time she was at Horspath, & was ill there, & at other places [. . . . . .]. All have observed them to be very familiar together, & the common Report hath been that they [lived] together as man & wife, & now 'tis said that they are really married, & that this Castleman (who used to be mightily noted for obscene discourse) is wonderfull fond of her, & provides for her very handsomely, having taken an house at Wotton, that she may live decently there.

July 27 (Mon.). The Minister of Cuddington (whom I mentioned lately) told me that M^r^. Wharton took the Oaths purely at the Motion, and by the advice, of Archb^p^ Sancroft, w^ch^ I cannot believe, being so conscientious a Non-juror himself, & dying such. This, however, perhaps may be true, that he might leave M^r^. Wharton to his own Judgment, & not interpose one way or other.

July 28 (Tu.). Our News Papers tell us that they give an Account from Dublin of the Death of Doctor Thomas Lyndsey, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland. This D^r^. Tho. Lyndesay was of Wadham-Coll. in Oxford, where he took the Degree of M.A., March 13, 1678, and that of D.D., July 1, 1693. He hath printed some things, and was look'd upon as an honest Tory Bishop.

July 29 (Wed.). There is just come out, in 8^vo^, price 1s., *Oculus Britanniæ: an Heroi-Panegyrical Poem on the University of Oxford. Illustrated with divers beautiful Similes, and useful Digressions;* Lond., 1724. It is a bantering thing, & touches upon some of the heads of houses & others, particularly upon D^r^. Matthew Hole, Rector of Exeter-College, for his Amours with Ragabella, a young, beautifull Girl, tho' but half strain'd, near the Turl gate. It is said to be writ by Amhurst, that was expell'd S^t^. John's, and yet he is mentioned in it as a bad Poet, as is also Tristram, &c.

July 30 (Th.). On Tuesday last a Man was kill'd upon the Cawsey beyond the farthest White House, on the other side Fryer Bacon's Study, as he was driving a Waggon of Meal to Lechlade, where he lived. It seems that y^e^ Axle-tree of the Waggon breaking, the Man got the Waggon out of y^e^ way, that it might not stop passengers, came back again to Oxford for a Wheel-wright, & being both got to the Waggon,

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carrier. Half a guinea is due from Ld. B. for Robert of Gloucester. 'There was no occasion for a caution, because I should not have had the least thoughts of a Dedication.'

the Man that drove got into it, & thereupon the ground gave way, & the Waggon fell, so that it crush'd the poor man immediately to death.

July 31 (Fri.). This day my Friend, Mr. Richd Dyer, went from Oriel-College, in order to live at his Estate at Yard, near Kingsbridge in Devonshire, but he hath not resigned his Fellowship, tho' he does not intend to have any Income from it, but to let it go to the College, as he hath for some time.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, died, at his Lodgings in High-street, young Mr. (commonly called young Dr.) Ludwell, Son of ye late Dr. Ludwell, & hath left what he had, at least much the greatest part thereof, to one Mr. Harsnet, a young Master of Arts of Xt-Church, who was one of his Companions in drinking, wch drinking immoderately kill'd this young Ludwell[1].

This Morning died Mr. Westmore (aged about 70 years), of St. John Baptist's Parish, Oxon., and Mancipal of Magd. Coll. He was formerly servant to Dr. Turner, Bp of Ely, & was a servant also to Sir Jemmat Raymond. I look'd upon him as an honest old Cavalier[2].

Aug. 1 (Sat.). One Pickering Rich, a young Man lately of Balliol-College, some time since put out a most nonsensical, silly thing of Poëtry, dedicated to the Duke of Chandois. He sent it, before he published it, to Dr. Evans of St. John's-College for his Approbation. The Dr. sent it back with this Distick.

[The distich is omitted.]

Aug. 2 (Sun.). Last Week my Friend, Mr. West of Balliol-College, was at the Lady Boudon's, of Tur Weston in Buckinghamshire, who is Relict of Sir Wm Boudon, Baronet, & hath a Son of Balliol-College. This Lady loves Antiquities, and talks much of them. She hath three Daughters, all extremely handsome (not to be parallell'd hardly in England), as yet unmarried. There is with this Lady at present one Miss Bishop, a wonderfull devout creature, who longs to be in a Nunnery. Her Guardian is Mr. Holman, a zealous Roman Catholick near Banbury.

Yesterday being the Inauguration day of K. George, there was little ringing of Bells or other Tokens of Joy in Oxford.

Aug. 3 (Mon.). Last Night talking with a London Bookseller, I told him that Mr. May of London had some time ago bought the 1st Ed. of Hollingshede for 10 shillings, & that he was afterwards offered 10 Pounds

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July 31, 1724. W. Wright to H. (Rawl. 18. 55). Desires H. to enter Henry Bradshaw, Esq., of Marple in Cheshire, as a perpetual subscriber. 'May Heaven bless you with a long life to proceed in the usefull way you are now engaged in.'

Aug. 1, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 21). The fatigue of building hinders him at present from sending a catalogue of his books. Can't yet learn who H. S. was: probably the name is to be met with in Sir Thomas Hedley's pedigree at the Heralds' Office. Account of several books in his possession. The old English Chronicle is John de Trevisa's translation of Ranulphus Higden.

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[1] He was buried in Allhollowes' Church, Oxon., Saturday Night, Aug. 1st.
[2] He was buried Sunday night, Aug. 2d, at St. John Baptist's Church.

for it, notwithstanding the first Vol. was imperfect. He told me he knew a Bookseller in London that had a very fair one, for wch he ask'd only 3 Pounds. Be this as it will, it is certain this 1st Edition is the true, genuine Work of Hollingshede, & I value it, therefore, more than the 2d Edition, in wch the wooden Cuts are wanting.

Dr. Cony, a Physician of Rochester, died lately. I understand that he had many curious Books, & that Mr. Fletcher Gyles, of London, Bookseller, hath purchas'd his Study.

Aug. 4 (Tu.). Mr. Fletcher Gyles, before mentioned, sold to my Friend, a little before he died, John Bridges, Esq., a Copy of John Twyne *de rebus Albionicis*. It was a bad Copy, & yet he had five and thirty shillings for it, but had it been a fair one, he would have had fifty shillings for it. That wch I have is a good Copy, & I had it out of Dr. Charlett's Study for seven shillings & six Pence. Dr. Charlett gave only four shillings for it. Mr. Crynes, the Beadle, told me that he had first bought this Book of Wilmot, who sold Dr. Charlett's Books, for three shillings and six pence, but that Wilmot begg'd it of him again, & then priz'd it seven Shillings & six pence, wch I very readily gave for it.

Aug. 5 (Wed.). Being last Night for several hours wth some of the Fellows of All-Souls-College, one of wch was Mr. Thomas Machen Fiddes, who is upon his year of grace, having got the good Living of Barking in Essex, he, ye said Mr. Fiddes, told me he had several Papers relating to the Nunnery of Barking, wch was the oldest Nunnery in England, being of the Benedictine Order, & founded by Erkenwald, Bp of London, A. D. 680, one of wch is an Arbitration relating to a Law Suit commenced by one of the Abbesses of that place against a Vicar, about some scandalous Affair, a Copy of wch Arbitration (wch is in Latin) Mr. Fiddes promised to send me. Mr. Fiddes said that the present parochial Church of Barking was the Nunnery Church, and that 'tis large and fine. He said there are still noble Ruins remaining of the Nunnery, and that the Scite of it is a matter of three score Acres. There is no Draught of Barking in the Monasticon.

Mr. West of Balliol College told me this Afternoon that Mr. Wise of Trinity College talks of printing a Catalogue of the Bodlejan Coyns. I continued Mr. Ashmole's Catalogue of those Coyns, which is in three Volumes, in folio, in the Bodl. Library, & made a Catalogue of Consul Ray's Coyns, &c., given to that Place, wch Catalogue I have by me.

Aug. 6 (Th.). Mr. Jos. Howe, of Trinity-Coll., Oxon., was ninety four Years old when he died, as I am told 'tis express'd on his Stone in Trinity-Coll. Chappell, where he was buried.

Old Mrs. Clements, the Widow of the late old Mr. Henry Clements, told me this Afternoon that she is three score and twelve years of Age.

Aug. 7 (Fri.). I was well inform'd yesterday, and I had heard the same, too, before, tho' I could not then believe it, that Sir Jemmat

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[*c.* **Aug. 7, 1724.**] **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 87). Encloses a specimen of Mr. Pepys' MS. The Arminian Nunnery is mentioned in the catalogue at

Raymond hath, to secure his Estate, comply'd & stroke in with the late Act, by taking the Oaths, & subscribing his Name. The Gentleman, indeed, told me that he was only among those that took the Oaths, & that, by Connivence of the Justices, he only writ his Name, without formally swearing, but this is look'd upon justly as complying, & Sir Jemmat is highly condemn'd by honest Men, as he is also for putting a Son by his present Lady to Pembroke-Coll., Oxon., where he is Gentleman Commoner, & proves a Rake. This young Gent., Son to Sir Jemmat, was of Westminster School.

Aug. 8 (Sat.). On Thursday last (Aug. 6), in the Afternoon, died Mr. David Jones, Vicar of Marcham, near Abbington in Berks. This Person, who made a great noise in many Places, was the Son of Matth. Jones [1], of Caervalloch in Flintshire, & was born in that County, educated in Westminster School, elected thence one of the Students of Ch. Ch., an. 1681, aged 18 Years, took the degree of Bach. of Arts, Oct. 27, 1685 [2]. Soon after wch he took holy Orders, retired to the great City, and became a forward and frequent Preacher, and a Lecturer there. But all things going not current with his Mind, he returned to his College in Michaelmas Term, an. 1693, and in the next Year, saith Mr. Wood [3], but the Catalogue of Graduates saith Nov. 9, 1693 [4], proceeded in Arts. He was a stout, lusty, rawbon'd man, insomuch that he would beat three or four ordinary Men, of a very turbulent Spirit, & very ready to pick quarrells, insomuch that he always lived a restless and uneasy life. He was a very great Hypocrite, so that whereas formerly he pretended to a more than ordinary Sanctity of Life, & accordingly preached upon Temperance, Sobriety, & Chastity, and his preaching being always by heart, & using vehement motions in the Pulpit, & a more than ordinary Zeal, his Voice being also adapted to the purpose, much like the late Dr. Burnett's, he had usually a vast audience, especially of the vulgar people, who admired him, & would go a great way to hear him. He would often preach up Damnation, wch drew Tears from many. But being found to be a dissembler, & a loose, debauched Hypocrite (for he would drink [. . . . .] to excess), he became despis'd by all sorts of People. He hath printed several Sermons, wch are meer rhapsodical things, & yet the Man was an excellent Scholar in Greek & Latin, & would frequently baffle even the Proctors themselves in the publick University Schools by his ready citing Greek Authors, & speaking in that language; but then this Scholarship consisted only in words, he wanting Judgment & Discretion. He was a very bold, resolute Man, & mattered nothing of Reputation to carry a point. When I first came to Oxford, he preached in the Afternoon, in

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Trinity College, but the book has been lent out, and is not to be met with. The best account of it is in Bp. Williams' Life by Bp. Hacket. Has sent Mr. Bagford's papers by Dr. Fiddes: 'you being nam'd in them, & understanding his hand, they will be best lodg'd with you.' [PS.] Mr. Pepys' Robert of Gloucester is only a copy of that in the Heralds' Office.

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[1] Ath. Oxon., vol. ii, col. 1064, Ed. 2d.
[2] Ibid., col. 216, in Fastis.
[3] Loc. cit., col. 1064.
[4] Part 2d.

Summer time, a Sermon at S^t^. Marie's before the University. The Church was strangely crowded. He began well enough, & proceeded so for some time, but afterwards falling into Raillery, he made the Church laugh, the Seniors, even the Doctors themselves, being not able to forbear, w^ch^ David perceiving, he grew very angry, & increas'd his railing (for he preached without notes), & this made the Congregation (all excepting some old Women, who shed tears) laugh the more, upon w^ch^ David, fixing his Eyes upon the D^rs^., cry'd out, *I speak to wise men, judge ye.* This Sermon was printed, but for the most part different from w^t^ it was when preached, abundance of Things being left out. Some time after, David preached again before the University. It was in Ember week, upon a Sunday Morning, at X^t^-Church. There was a vast Concourse of Auditors. He began, as before, well enough, & so for some time proceeded. The Sermon was about Abstinence, agreeable to the Season. But at length he, falling into strange, abusive Language, set the Congregation a-laughing, as before. This Sermon, too, was printed, but many things were spoke in the Pulpit that were omitted at the Press. This was (as I remember) the last Sermon he preached before the University. For, not long after, being prosecuted for some great & notorious Crime in the Vice-Chancellor's Court, he pleaded his own Cause there, but at last fell into such indecent, scurrilous Language, that the Vice-Chancellour ordered him to the Castle (the Vice-Chancellour being present in Court himself), w^ch^ put David into such a passion that from words he fell to blows, & in the Scuffle broke M^r^. Peter Cox the Superior Beadle of Arts's Staff & one of his Fingers, but being at length out of Breath, he went quietly to the Castle, from whence, after some little time, he was released, but was for this rudeness expell'd the University, & then went to his Vicaridge of Marcham, w^ch^ is in the Gift of X^t^ Church, but led such a vexatious, contentious Life, as made the whole Parish uneasy. Being a strangely litigious man, he was always at Law, w^ch^ occasioned him to be frequently in Goal, so that troubles made him turn Grey early. One night he went to bed, & the next Morning half his Hair (I mean one side) was turned white, while the other side remain'd black (for his Hair, w^ch^ he used to wear very short, was naturally very black). He was suspended by his Diocesan several times, particularly once for hindering a Corpse to be buried, because the Bearers would not carry it to Church through a Pond, w^ch^, he said, was the Church way. When it was brought to the Grave, David would neither bury it himself nor suffer any one else to do it; but at last another Clergyman did it, upon w^ch^ David leapt into the Grave, & said they should bury himself too; upon w^ch^ they began to throw the Mould upon him also, when he desired to be taken out. Complaint was made to the B^p^, and he was thereupon suspended, as he was also another time for throwing the consecrated Wine about the Floor, upon pretence that it was poysoned by one to whom he had just administred in Marcham Church. He was married, & his wife (being forced away from him) was sent for from London just after he died. But tho' his wife did not live with him, yet he kept another Woman [.....] with him, who hath at least two Children, a Son of about 18 Years of Age, & a Girl about 16 or 17, as I have been inform'd. This vile man was buried the day after his death, in the Evening.

Aug. 9 (Sun.). I was told last Night that old Mr. Jos. How of Trinity-Coll. used always to fast solemnly & very particularly & devoutly on one day in the Year, being the day on wch he happened accidentally, when he was a Schoolboy, to kill one of his Schoolfellows, a Thing I had not heard before.

Dr. Atterbury, the deprived Bp of Rochester, being now at Paris, they write from thence that since his Arrival there he hath pass'd his time in examining the publick Libraries and other Curiosities of that City; and that he hath been visited by most of the Members of the Royal Academy of Sciences, by the famous Father Monfaucon, and Abbe Vertot, & other Persons of Distinction and Learning, who seem to pay him a more than ordinary Respect.

Last Tuesday the Marquis of Carnarvon, Son and Heir Apparent to the Duke of Chandois, was marry'd to the Lady Katherine Talmash, Daughter to the Earl of Dysert, at the Duke's Seat at Cannons in Middlesex.

Aug. 10 (Mon.). Dr. Walker, in his Sufferings of the Clergy, often makes use of a MS. of the famous Mr. Jeremy Stephens relating to that Subject, & particularly to the horrid Sacrileges committed by the Rebells, & he hath a just Character of the Commissioners at Northampton[1], for turning out honest Clergymen, & persecuting such as were loyal.

Aug. 11 (Tu.). Yesterday, about twelve Clock, was hang'd, in the Castle Yard at Oxford, a Boy of about seventeen years of Age, condemn'd this last Assizes for robbing & assaulting, in a most barbarous manner, an old Woman with whom he had before lived, but had been gone some time, at Tetsworth. The Woman contended with him some time after he had entered her house, & had like to have overpowered him, wch when he perceiv'd, he shot her with a Pistoll, & then took a considerable Sum of Money out of the House, went off, & was taken the next day by Watlington. The Woman is not dead, tho' but in an ill Condition. I am told the Boy's Father is Clarke of Wormenhall, near Brill in Buckinghamshire. Both his Father and Mother were at the Execution, & carried the body into the Country to be buried.

Mr. Leonard Litchfield, the Printer, told me last Night that he is 55 Years old.

Aug. 12 (Wed.). Yesterday Morning, about four or five Clock, died suddenly Mr. Anthony Peisly, of Oxford, Bookseller. On Friday last

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Aug. 11, 1724. H. to [T. Ward] (Rawl. 110. 85). Has returned three more books and MSS. The pamphlet about Little Gidding came out in 1641. If the old English Chronicle be John de Trevisa's translation of Ranulph Higden, it has been printed several times. Sir Robert Cotton's Account of Henry III's reign is not a very scarce book. The old Scottish translation of Hector Boëce is very rare.

Aug. 12, 1724. H. to Richard Dyer (Rawl. 110. 99). Hopes R. D. had a good journey, and that his affairs will succeed according to his desires. 'There is no doubt but in your County [Devonshire] there are several peculiar

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[1] [MS. 'Northamption.']

I talk'd with him, as I was going to walk towards Abbington, by his House in S^t^. Mary Hall Lane, & he seem'd very well, tho' he had a lethargical Drowziness upon him several Years. He used to have Auctions frequently in Oxford, in the old Convocation House at the N. East End of S^t^. Marie's Church, and he talk'd of having one next Lent, & not before. On Monday last he rid a-coursing, a sport he delighted in much. He return'd home, complaining of an Illness, & died in the morning. He hath one Son of the same trade, about 22 Years of Age, & six Daughters, the eldest of w^ch^ is married to M^r^. Beaver, M.A. & Steward of Corpus X^ti^ College; the other five are unmarried. M^r^. Peisly had several Houses in Oxford, & an Estate of about six score Pounds per annum at Clifton, near Dorchester, out of w^ch^ he was to find a Curate to officiate at the Chapell there, but he allow'd him very little for his trouble, tho', without doubt, the Minister ought to have in proportion to the Rents. He died in the fifty seventh Year of his Age, and was buried in S^t^. Marie's Church this day, in the Evening, about ten Clock.

Aug. 13 (Th.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, died M^r^. West, of S^t^. Marie's Parish in Oxford, a noted Upholsterer, being about fifty Years old, or something more. He had layn ill about six Weeks. He was a very courteous, affable, civil Man, & was not long agoe one of the Bayliffs of the City of Oxford. His distemper came from hard drinking. He was a married man, & has left a wife behind him living, but he never had any Children [1].

Aug. 14 (Fri.). Memorandum that M^r^. Peisly was full fifty seven Years of Age, dying the very same day on w^ch^ he was born, as I have been inform'd, w^ch^ was Aug. 13, 1667. They put upon his Coffin 58. It seems, he had been, as I have before noted, out a-coursing the day before his death. He catched a hare, brought it home, & designed it for his dinner the next day, but was taken ill in the night, & complained of his Illness to his wife, who sent in the Morning for a Chirurgeon, but he was dead before the Chirurgeon came.

Wednesday last was one of the hottest days I ever knew, & in the Afternoon was Thunder & Lightning, but at a distance from Oxford, where we had a little of the rain. I am told that at Wellesbourne, or Wellbourne, near Warwick, the Tempest was just in the same manner as 'twas at Oxford, June 11^th^ last, and that there was much damage done thereabouts. That at Oxford on the day specified puts me in mind of

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English words w^ch^ might be proper enough for me to consider now I am upon our old obsolete English. But I suppose you never attempted to collect these together, and therefore I cannot e[x]spect from you any Catalogue of that kind.' Wants to know the meaning of 'erthe horns': has never met with the expression except in Langtoft. Death of Mr. David Jones and Mr. Peisly.

Aug. 14, 1724. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 23. 115). Dr. Dickens, professor of Law at Cambridge, subscribes for Langtoft.

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[1] He was buried in S^t^. Marie's Church, Friday Night Aug. 14.

the terrible Tempest of Thunder and Lightning at Widecombe, or Withycombe, in Devonshire, pent up between Hills, as it was at Oxford.

Aug. 15 (Sat.). Yesterday died suddenly the Widow Cheney, an old Woman who sold fruit & other small Matters in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford[1]. Her Husband hath been dead five or six and twenty Years, being Rolling Press Man at the Theater Printing House.

D^r^. Heywood of S^t^. John's College hath writ the Life of D^r^. Leigh, the Nonjuror, as I am told by M^r^. West of Balliol-College, who had the Information from the Doctor himself. But D^r^. Heywood declines printing it, tho' he hath printed some of the D^r's^. Papers, & burnt many besides. This D^r^. Heywood hath not put his Name to any thing that he hath published. He complains that he looses by what he publisheth, by reason his Things will not sell well.

This day, in the Afternoon, I happened accidentally to see, in M^r^. Fletcher the Bookseller's Shop, the Register of All Souls-Coll. in w^ch^ the Election of Wardens are entered. The Life of the Founder is at the Beginning, by Robert Hoveden, with a Catalogue of the Wardens and Fellows by the same Hoveden, tho' continued by others. This is a Copy only of both the Life & Catalogue, as written by Hoveden (for the Original is under the Author's own hand, as I take it, by Wood); at least, if this Book be the original, it is made a very thick book, as some Things are now to be fix'd in, w^ch^ was the reason of its being left with Fletcher; but I think 'tis not the Book as in Hoveden's time, it beginning (as I remember) with some things after the Year 1660. I remember there is an account in it of D^r^. Leopold W^m^ Finch's being made Warden, by virtue of K. James the II^d's^ Mandamus in 1686 (Jan. 21, I think), w^ch^ Election being look'd upon as null, upon occasion of M^r^. Jonas Proast (Chaplain of the College) his Appeal to the Archbishop of Canterbury, it was vacated, & D^r^. Finch was thereupon elected Warden in 1698, by virtue of the Archb^p's^ (Tenison) Instrument, which is inserted in the Register. I saw there also young M^r^. Wood's Election, but 'tis mentioned as an Election only of the Archbishop, as far as I can remember, & the Warden is not mentioned in it as being present at the Admission, but one of those present was M^r^. Fiddes, & another M^r^. Chernock; the rest I forget. As I remember, D^r^. Irish is made there to be admitted Fellow in 1673.

On Wednesday last died M^r^. William Godfrey, of Heddington, near Oxford, Carpenter, and was buried there this Afternoon, a Funeral Sermon being preached for him by M^r^. Jons, Minister of the Place. He was a man of great Probity and Honesty, and was seventy three Years old. He was the eldest of five Brothers, the second of w^ch^ was

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Aug. 15, 1724. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 149). More about Rumsey Nunnery. [A long extract from this letter is printed in the Preface to *Peter Langtoft*, p. cciii.]

Aug. 15, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 22). Encloses three scrolls, which, if worth perusing, are at H.'s service. Is anxious to meet with copies of the Collection of Curious Discourses, History of Glastonbury, and Leland's Itinerary.

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[1] She was buried, by her Husband, in S^t^. Peter's Ch. Yard, on Saturd. Night, this day.

unfortunately kill'd above twenty Years agoe, as he was going from Oxford to Heddington in the Evening, when he was set upon and shot on the top of Heddington-Hill. There are only two of the Brothers now living, viz. Richard, who lives & follows farmouring at Baldwin, and Henry, who follows the same Occupation at Heddington.

Aug. 16 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Saturd., Aug. 15, 1724:—

The Hon. John Dawney, Esq., eldest Son of the Lord Viscount Downes, is married to M^rs^. Pleydwell, a Lady of 30,oool. Fortune.

The Rev. M^r^. David Jones, Rector (it should be *Vicar*[1]) of Marcham, near Abingdon in Berks., died some Days since. He was formerly Lecturer of one of the Churches in Lombard-Street, and having preached a Sermon against the Sin of Usury, gave such Offence to the Inhabitants thereabouts, that in a short Time he was glad to quit the said Lectureship, for want of the usual Contributions. He was very famous in Combat; and many People have been made sensible of his extraordinary Strength.

Tuesday Morning dy'd D^r^. Lyndford, Prebendary of Westminster, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, and Rector of S^t^. Edmond the King, in Lombard-Street.

We have an Account from Vienna, of Aug. 2, that the Saturday before, one Sanekel, a Clergyman, was crown'd in the University there as Poet-Laureat, with a great deal of Ceremony, the like not having been done for 167 Years past. The Poet was seated on a Throne, and a Gold Ring was put on his Finger, a Gold Pen in his Hand, and a Laurel on his Head, and a Book was presented him; after which he received the Compliments of Congratulation.

They write from Hildesheim, Aug. 8, that at Honburg, in the Principality of Habberstadt, a certain Musician died lately, aged 125; he had been married to three Wives, and play'd so well upon the Musick that he had 40 Children by them, which Children brought him in, in his Life-time, 142 Grand-Children.

From Paris they tell us that, on the 4^th^ Instant, a Widow of about 30 Years of Age was passing over the Pont-Royal, where a blind Man was begging, to whom she gave some Money, as also a fine Handkerchief that she pulled off her Neck, telling him she desired to be remember'd in his Prayers; she had not gone four Steps further before she threw her self over the Bridge into the River; but her Hoop-Peticoat saved her from sinking, and she was taken up without any Hurt. She seem'd as one awak'd out of a deep Slumber, and not to know that she had flung her self into the Water. She is a Woman of Distinction, in Despair for the Loss of her Husband, whom she tenderly loved, and who left her with six Children.

Aug. 17 (Mon.). The Agrigentines (as Plutarch told us[2]), after the death of Phalaris, prohibited any one to go in sky-coloured habits, because the Followers or Guards of Phalaris used breeches, or some part of their Garments, of that colour.

Stobæus's Collections are excell^tly^ good, and much valued by great Scholars. In them he hath preserv'd many ancient Pieces, w^ch^ (it may be) would otherwise have been lost.

Aug. 18 (Tu.). From a Paper MS. lent me by M^r^. Ward, on July 13 last, containing several Prophecies in English Verses, such as Merlin's, &c. It is in 8^vo^:—

Euer vi ys the best chaunce of the dyse:
When one berithe vp vi, England ys paradise;

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

[2] Polit., p. 69, Ed. Gryph., 1549.

But v & iiii be sett to asyde,
The worde of vi shall springg full wyde;
When two puttes owt three, then ys all shentt,
For then wee shall haue a newe parliament;
Yet vi shall vpp, & one shall vnder,
The deade man shall rise, & that ys wunder.
The lyon, the redd rose, & flowre de lize vel de lice,
The lokke shall vndoo, that vi shall beere the price,
And I shall help therto. Amen.

The book seems, by the hand, to have been written at the latter end of K. Hen. VIII^th's^ Reign.

Aug. 19 (Wed.). M^r^. Ward also lent me, at the same time, an old Ballad, printed in the black Letter on one side of half a sheet of Paper, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, the Author whereof was William Phillips. It is intitled:—

[The ballad, entitled *The Golden World*, is omitted.]

Aug. 20 (Th.). Yesterday I look'd over three of the Bundles of Ant. Wood's Papers that came to the Muséum out of D^r^. Charlett's Study, being letters and other Scraps of Paper. Those I then look'd over are of no great moment, being taken all, as it were, verbatim into his *Athenæ Oxon.* I say verbatim, because I find now sufficiently proved, what I had often heard before (& the learned D^r^. Thomas Smith used frequently to assert it), that Anthony was a meer Rhapsodist, throwing together w^t^ever was sent him about his Subject, without considering much how to range or methodize the several particulars, and that, too, in the very words of the Writers, concealing their Names. So that this is certain, whatever is well written in the book (whether with respect to the Characters of the several Persons mentioned throughout, or otherwise) was penn'd by others, but w^t^ is barbarous, foolish, & silly is all Anthony's own. M^r^. Andrew Allam penn'd much for him; so did divers others in Oxford, &, indeed, 'tis almost incredible what came to him by letter, I mean, lives drawn up for him, & Catalogues of the respective Authors' Writings.

M^r^. Hodges, Minister of Witham, near Oxford, was a Man that continued blith, bonny, & jovial, even when old, as Anthony attests under his own hand in those Papers.

On Monday last died of a Consumption, at Abbington, M^r^. Daniel Webb, only Son of the late Sir Daniel Webb of Oxford, Knight, and was buried, by his Father, last Night in All-Hollows' Church, Oxford. It is thought that this young Man's heart was broke with Grief and Concern at the ill Circumstances his Father (who was a Man of excellent Sense, which the Son was not) died in.

To inquire at Balliol-College for William of Malmesbury's Epitome of

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Aug. 20, 1724. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 131). Has sent two guineas for Langtoft. Would have sent the pamphlet about the Arminian Nunnery, but has seen Mr. Baker, who says he will let H. see it.

Haymo Floriacensis, said to be in MS. in Ball. Coll. Library by Vossius de Histor. Lat., p. 389, Lugd. B., 1627, 4°.

Aug. 21 (Fri.). In the foresaid Papers of Mr. Wood I found noted, by Ant. Wood's own hand, that Dr. Zouch had most Votes, when he stood for Custos Archivorum, after the Death of Dr. Langbaine, and that Dr. Zouch came into the Convocation-House, & told the Vice-Chancellour so openly. Dr. Wallis came up, too, and denyed it. After the Dispute had lasted about an hour after Candles were lighted, Mr. Tho. Jones of Merton-Coll. & Mr. Hen. Stubbe of Ch. Church pleading for Dr. Zouch, & Dr. Seth Ward & Mr. . . . . Poolen of Trinity-Coll. for Dr. Wallis, the Election fell to Wallis, & was so pronounced by the Senior Proctor, Byfeild, who was forsworn.

There is a Letter written by Mr. Henry Gandy (Henry de Gand he writes himself), the Non Juror, who was formerly of Oriel-Coll., & is still living, I think, in London, about the Death of Mr. John Kettlewell. '— Mr. John Kettlewell' (he says) 'dy'd on Friday, the 12 of April, 1695, was bury'd in the Parish Church of Barkin (in the same Grave in which Archbishop Laud was layd) on the 15th day of the same Month, the Rt Reverend Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. Tho. Kenn[1]) performing the Office in his Lawn Sleeves. He read the Confession and Absolution, then the proper Psalms in the Office for buriall of the Dead, after that the Magnificat, then part of the 15th Chapter of the 1st Ep. to the Corinthians, the Lesson appointed. Then read the Evening Service, pray'd for the King—& the Queen's, &c. I cannot learn that there is any monument or Epitaph design'd. His books shew him to be a very pious, as well as learned, person, & will outlast any Monument his Friends can bestow upon him. He was, as far as ever I could perceive, of a sweet, courteous disposition, & very communicative. I will not venture to say any more of him, least I should wrong his Memory by giving too mean a Character of him, which I am sure I must do if I should attempt it. The Corps was carry'd in a Hearse from his House in Gray's Inn Lane to Tower street, where the Corps was taken out, & the Company quitted their Coaches, & followed it into the Church. There were, besides Mr. John Gascarth, the minister, between 30 & 40 N— (Nonjuring[1]) Clergy, & as many of the Layety, some of them of good Quality.' But these things are printed in col. 923, 924, 925 of the 2d Ed. of *Athenæ Oxon.* as Mr. Wood's own Words.

Aug. 22 (Sat.). Mr. Richard Reeve, who had a very great hand in translating into Latin *Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon.*, acknowledges himself, in a Letter to Mr. Wood, dated Jan. 15, 1673, more beholding to Dean Fell, ever since he came to Oxford, than to any one in the World, so

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Aug. 22, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 175). Acknowledges subscriptions for Langtoft. Will be glad to see the pamphlet about the reputed Nunnery at Little Gidding. Read it several times at the Bodleian many

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[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

doubts not his noble and bounteous nature (now he was leaving Oxford) for translating the foresaid Book, and he desires Mr. Wood to go to the Dean about it.

Mr. Reeve, in a letter to Mr. Wood, June 23, 1674, hopes Mr. Wood will secure him a Copy of his Book with Cuts, & mark with a stroke, or else with + or ⁎, what material wrongs had been done him. He was then in London, being about to leave England.

Mr. Wood tells Mr. Reeve he had fallen into the hands of confounded knaves, and that his Preface was printed by Stealth by the Corrector, and . . . . . , two impudent Knaves imploy'd by the Dean.

Mr. Reeve, in a Letter to Mr. Wood, on Nov. 5, 1674, from beyond Sea, writes these words, *To w^ch^ I answer in the words of a certain Poet*:—

> Great men 'gaynst poor to anger still are prone;
> It is not well, but profitably done.

He tells him, *that Will. Rogers was to be employ'd to send over any thing.*

July 21, 1674, Mr. Reeve tells Mr. Wood that all were concerned at his (Ant. Wood's) ill treatment at Oxford.

Mr. Rob. Dale, from the Coll. of Arms, writes to Mr. Wood, 27 Apr., 1695, about the Tesdale Family, desiring to know what Anthony could tell about that Family, Mr. Dale being to draw a Pedigree of it.

Aug. 23 (Sun.). Among the said Papers is a Letter to Mr. Wood from Thomas Blount, of Orleton in Herefordshire, Esq., dated 20 Aug., 1669, in w^ch^ he tells Mr. Wood of a Chartulary of the Priory of Leominster (in that County) in the hands of a Friend of his (Mr. Blount's), & some other choice Antiquities.

Richard 2^d^ was call'd *defensor fidei Catholicæ*. See Pryn's Animadversions on Sir Ed. Cook's Institutes. Mr. Blount desired to know of Mr. Wood whether our Kings used this title before the time of Hen. VIII, & Mr. Wood refers to Pryn.

Mr. Blount notes that *virga ferrea* is less than a rood, tho' Spelman thought it in the same [*sic*]. *Una selda*, says Mr. Blount, in such a Street in Leominster, which sure must be a Shop, tho' my Lord Coke says *selda* is the same as *salina*, a salt-pit.

Aug. 25 (Tu.). Among others that corresponded with Ant. à Wood was Mr. John Prince, that afterwards published *The Worthies of Devonshire*. But this Correspondence began but a few Years before Anthony's Death. The Account of Prince that is in the 2^d^ Ed. of *Athenæ Oxon.*

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years ago, though it cannot now be found there. Drank J. M.'s health yesterday at Godstow with Mr. West. Mr. Dyer has left Oxford, and is now in Devonshire. [PS.] Service to Mr. Granger. How is he?

Aug. 24, 1724. H. to T. Ward (Diaries, 104. 116). Returns two more MSS. Sends as some sort of acknowledgment his own copy of Curious Discourses, which he begs T. W. to accept. Gratefully accepts the fragments sent in last letter. Gives short account of them. Cannot help T. W. to Leland or Glastonbury. Mr. Wilmot had the Itinerary lately.

Aug. 25, 1724. H. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 23. 113). [See Diary, July 11, 1725.]

was written by Prince himself, as I have seen it among the before mentioned Papers in the Mus. Ashm.

Mr. Prince in one letter observes to Anthony that *Pitseus de Scriptoribus* was difficult to be got, but that he lighted upon Bale, of the best Ed. (well bound), at Exeter, for twenty Shillings, and that he had Weever's Monuments for ten Shillings.

Mr. Prince was first of Brazennose college, being entered A.D. 1660, at 17 Years of Age. He took his Degree of M.A. in Cajus Coll., Cambridge. This Letter dated April 16, 1692.

Mr. Prince, in a Letter, May 17, 1694, dated from Berry Pomroy in Devonshire, tells Mr. Wood thus: *I find the familie of Wey to be very ancient in this County, and some particular House or Houses called by that name, but I find nothing of the Person.*

This Afternoon I met accidentally, in New-College Lane, Mr. Perkinson, who was Confessor to my late Friend, Mr. Charles Eyston, of E. Hendred in Berks. He turned back with me into New-College, when young Mr. Eyston, Son to the said Mr. Eyston, was in the Quadrangle with an old Gentleman that belong'd to them. This young Mr. Eyston is newly come from Doway, & designs now (as he told me) to settle at Hendred. Mr. Perkinson, who is a very worthy, ingenious, & learned Man, hath been lately at Rome, where he saw my Friend, Dr. Richard Rawlinson, who, he says, buys abundance of Italian Books.

Aug. 26 (Wed.). Last Sunday Morning the Revd Mr. Thomas Allen, M.A., and Rector of Murston, near Sittingbourne in Kent (who was lately Fellow of University-College), called upon me, and spent a pretty deal of time with me. He came to town with one of Sir John Hales's Sons, who is a pretty young Gentleman (as is also his Brother, who did not come to Oxford with him), and likewise call'd in to see me, tho' he did not stay. The said two Brothers lately came from beyond Sea, and are Roman Catholicks, as their Father is. Their Grandfather, Sir John Hales, was likewise a Roman Cath., and was Keeper of the Tower in K. James IId's time. Their Sister (a Roman Cath. likewise) is married to the Rt Honble the Earl of Litchfeild, who is a Convert from the Roman Catholick Religion.

At Folkstone in Kent was an old Nunnery, founded by King Eadbald about A.D. 630, which was destroy'd during the Danish Wars. Afterwards Nigell de Munewell gave the Church of St. Mary and St. Eanswith here to the Abby of Lolley in Normandy, A.D. 1095, to which it became an Alien-Priory[1]. There are still some remains of the said Priory.

At Folkstone were lately seen strange bones of an extraordinary Size, viz. humane Bones, supposed to have been after some great battle, when the Bodies were not buried. Mr. Allen told me that these Bones were 4 or 5 Years ago placed in Hyde Church (viz. in the East End of the Church), four or five Miles from Folkstone, and that some of the Skulls have a great cleft in them, as if split with an Ax. He says 'tis supposed the Christians had the better in the Battle, and that they therefore left the bodies of the Danes [to] lye unburied, because they were heathens. This, it seems, is the common opinion.

[1] Tanner's Notitia Mon., p. 97.

Aug. 27 (Th.). At Reculver in Kent was an Abby of Black Monks, built by one Bassa, A.D. 669. It was annexed to Christ-Church in Canterbury by K. Eadred, A.D. 949[1]. Mr. Allen told me that there are two Towers (with Spires on them, as he thought) of the Abbey Church still standing. He promised to send me word.

Mr. Allen did assure me (what I had been inform'd of before) that Mr. Lewis of Margate hath writ and published, in a thin Folio, the Antiquities of the Isle of Thanet, but that it bears but a very indifferent character, no better than Harris's Natural History of Kent, a very poor Performance, of no Character among curious Men.

God's House at Dover was founded A.D. 1220, according to Sprot's Chronicle, pag. 71. Mr. Allen told me 'tis still in being, & is called *Hotel de Dieu.*

Aug. 28 (Fri.). Shepey Nunnery in Kent was first built by Sexburg, Queen of Kent, about A.D. 710, but being burned by the Danes, it was reedified by Wm, Archbp of Cant., A.D. 1130, to the honour of St. Mary and St. Sexburg[2]. It is now called Shepey Minster. Mr. Allen told me that the Nunnery Church is called the Minster Church, and they commonly call the place the Parish of Minster, and when people are going to Shepey, they usually say, 'We are going to Minster.' This Church is large and fine. There is a House at the West End of it, built out of the Nunnery Ruins. The Church and this House at a distance look like two Towers. My Lord Cheney of Shepey and my Lord Shoreland lye there buried. There are Monuments to them that are fine.

Mr. Allen told me that the Hospital of Herbaldown in Kent, founded by Archbp Lanfranc[3] (tho' Speed says by John Stratford, Archbp of Cant.), is at present a poor Place (as it was also in the time of Erasmus), but that there are four Bells (which are the old Bells) in the Chapell.

Aug. 29 (Sat.). Mr. Cooke, an old Man, Minister of Little-Witnam, was made Archdeacon of Oxford lately, in room of Dr. Baker, who is made Bp of Bangor. This Cooke, who was a very infirm, weak man, is since dead, and Dr. Rye, Rector of Islip, is now made Archdeacon.

At Leedes in Kent was a Priory of Black Canons, built A.D. 1119, or, as others, A.D. 1137, by Rob. de Crevequer, Knight, to the honour of St. Nicholas[4]. It is now called Leedes Abbey. Sir Roger Meredith, formerly fellow of All Souls-College, hath the Lands of it, but he does not thrive with this Estate, notwithstanding he is a worthy man. This Sir Roger hath many old writings about the Abbey. He is hospitable and communicative. He is a lover of books, and hath a good Library. Some part of the Abbey is still standing, as Mr. Allen told me, and there is a great Hall, like a College Hall, in wch there are old Tables, and an old bow Window, like Magd. Coll. Hall window. Sir Roger hath four Sisters.

Aug. 29, 1724. H. to —— (Rawl. 110. 3). On 23rd instant received letter and bill for three guineas. Cannot help —— to more than one copy each of Heming and Robert of Gloucester. Has now a guinea towards Langtoft.

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[1] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 97.
[2] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 98.
[3] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 99.
[4] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 100.

At Boxley in Kent was a Cistercian Abbey, founded A.D. 1144 by Will. de Ipre, Earl of Kent, and dedicated to the blessed Virgin [1]. 'Tis within two Miles of Maidstone. Sir Thomas Seyliard, Bart., had the Estate lately, but did not thrive. He had no Children. I think he is dead. Mr. Allen told me one Chamneys hath it now. This Chamneys was one of the Kentish Petitioners. He does not thrive. He is a great Libertine, and hath wasted a good Estate.

Aug. 30 (Sun.). Dr. Boulter is made Archbp of Armagh and Ld Primate of Ireland.

Dr. Bowers, Bp of Chichester, being dead, Dr. Waddington is nominated to it.

Dr. Clavering, Canon of Xt Church, is nominated to the See of Landaff.

Mr. Allen told me, when he was t'other day in town, that by his Living of Murston in Kent, close by it, as it were, are two Farms, called Little Heyham and Great Heyham, and that there are there a great number of Flint Stones, which seem to have been the Remains of some Religious House. I take the said Flints to be the Remains of Higheham Nunnery, of which Leland writes thus [2]:—

Alta domus. *Higheham*, a poore Priory of Nunnes, about a iiii Miles above *Grevesende* in Kent, on the Shore, was suppress'd by *Fisshar* Bisshop of *Rochester*'s meanes, and given to St. *John*'s College in *Cantebridge*. Sum say that King *Stephan* was Founder of it, and that his Systar was Nunne there.

NB. I find now that it must be different from Leland's Higheham, the Situation not answering.

Aug. 31 (Mon.). At Cumbwell, or Conwell, in Kent, was a Priory of Black Canons, founded by Rob. de Turnham (temp. Hen. II), and dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene [3]. Henry Campion, Esq., is now Ld of the Mannour of Cumbwell. Mr. Allen told me that he is an ingenious high-Church Man, & communicative, and as he hath many writings (divers of which relate to the Place), so he is a Scholar and Gentlemanlike man.

At Davington, or Daunton, in that County, was a Benedictine Nunnery, which Dr. Tanner [4] tells us from the Monasticon Angl., p. 501, T. i, was built by Fulk de Neweham, to the honour of St. Mary Magdalene. But Mr. Southouse, in p. 146 of his *Monasticon Favershamiense*, informs us that this Nunnery was built by Hen. II, about the second year of his Reign, and Fulke de Newnham seems to have been a Benefactor rather than Founder. Mr. Allen told me that 'tis close by Feversham, and that the Nunnery Church is still standing. The House the Tenant lives in joyns to the Church, & is part of the Abbey, the Hall being just as it was before the Dissolution. Sir Robert Harrison's Son lived in it lately, he being Minister of Luddenham, the next Parish to it. There is at the Entrance a Gallery, where, perhaps, there used to be Musick upon Festival Occasions.

Sept. 1 (Tu.). At Ulcomb, commonly called Ookham, in Kent, was founded a Collegiate Church, A.D. 1220, by Stephen Langton, Archbp of

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Sept. 1, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22, 81). Sent Mr. Bagford's

[1] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 100.
[2] Itin., vol. 6, p. 20.
[3] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 102.
[4] Not. M., p. 103.

Cant.[1] Dr. Tanner refers us to the Charters in the hands of Francis Clerk, of Ulcomb, Esq. Mr. Allen told me that one Mr. Clarke of Kent had the Estate, to which the Parsonage belongs. The Parsonage is worth about 150 libs. *per annum*, and the Estate about 300 or 400. Mr. Clarke gave the Estate to Sir Gilbert Clarke's second Son, tho' not at all related; which Mr. Clarke hath, without doubt, many things about the College. He is but young, about 34 years of age. Dr. Hudson was his Tutor at University College.

At Treweleigh, commonly called Througly, in Kent, was an alien Priory. Mr. Allen told me that he thought there is a Park here, and a great House, both going to decay.

Sept. 2 (Wed.). At Ospring in Kent was a Preceptory of the Templers, founded by Henry III. See Southouse's Monasticon Favershamiense, pag. 148. Mr. Allen told me that old Buildings, now in Ruins, are seen there, which, it may be, are the Remains of the Preceptory. *Ospring* is the Mouth of the Spring. There is a fine Stream runs across the London road, wch comes from the Spring.

On Monday Night last was buried at Dorchester, near Oxford, Farmer Day of that Place, who died of a Feaver there. I knew this Man, and have talk'd with him several times at Dorchester about Antiquities. He was a strong, lusty Man, about 50 Years old, very honest, & is much lamented. He hath left a Widow and several Children. There were three other Brothers, who are also dead, but their Widows living. A Daughter of one of them (a pretty, young, modest Girl) lives with my Friend, Mr. Thomas Kimber of Holywell, in the North Suburbs of Oxford.

And now I have mentioned Mr. Kimber, who is a man of excellent Sense, and versed in History and Antiquities, I must note that being some hours in his Company last night, only he and I together, and happening to discourse of the Bodleian and other Libraries, and how

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papers by Dr. Fiddes, and the Arminian Nunnery by Mr. Bedford's conveyance. On receipt of letter, looked up Bp. Pearson's notes on Hesychius at Trinity College: if any friend of H.'s intends a new edition, Mr. Paine has promised the use of them. Account of the Bible of 1540 in St. John's College Library. 'It had been presented to the King, as appears by these words written upon the first Leafe: *This Booke is presented unto youre most excellent highnes by your loving, faithfull, & obedient Subject & daylie Oratour, Anthonye Marler, of London, Haberdasher.* Who this Haberdasher was, I wish we could know. He must have been a considerable man that made such a Present to a Prince, & seems to have bore a share of the charge of the Impression. Had Mr. Bagford observ'd this note, he could probably have made it out. One John Mayler prints some of your Leland's Poems. Tho' there be no Printer's name to this Bible, yet it seems to have been printed by Grafton & Whitchurch, as you will find in Mr. Bagford's Papers, who had seen such an Edition, an. 1539, any other Copy whereof I could never meet with, besides our own.' [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Sept. 3, Thursd.']

Sept. 2, [1724]. E. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 114). 'These are to aquaint you that I am goeing to Leaue this Country [White Waltham], and to serue a Gentleman, one Esq. Plyer, att a place called Frenchhay, towards Bristoll. My Mother Remembers her Loue to you, and Desires you to send her word, a Line or two, if you had the account of the Books which she sent

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[1] Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 104.

meanly the Bodl. Library is furnished with curious Classical Books, and Books of our English History and Antiquities, I told him the true reason was the neglect in former times that way, the original Design of the Library being chiefly for Books against the Roman Catholicks, and accordingly Dr. Thomas James, Mr. Rowse, & Dr. Barlow (who were zealous against the Catholicks) made it their Business to get such kind of Books, to say nothing of others. This, he said, he never heard of before, but would be sure to remember it, it being remarkable.

Sept. 3 (Th.). Will. Courtney, Arch-bishop of Cant., 19 Rich. 2d, founded a College at Maidstone in Kent, to the honour of All-Saints. It was endowed with 159l. 7s. 10d. per an.; *Tanner*, p. 106. There are large Ruins of this College still remaining. My Friend, the Honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., took particular notice of them, an. 1718. Mr. Allen told me it is still called the College, and that it is let to a Farmer, who lives in it with a Parson that married the Farmer's Daughter.

At West-Peccam in Kent was a Preceptory of the Templers, founded by Joh. Culpeper, 10 Hen. IV, valued, 26 H. 8, at 63l. 6s. 8d. per an., *Tanner*, p. 106. It belongs to the Twisdens of Peccam.

Sept. 4 (Fri.). About five Weeks since died the Rev. Mr. John Griffyth, Vicar of White-Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., and was buried in the Parish Church of Laurence Waltham in the same County. This Gent. was originally of Jesus-College in Oxford, from whence, after he had taken the degree of Bach. of Arts, he retired into the Country, & being in orders, he used to preach at Maidenhead, and some other Places thereabouts, and taught School also at Maidenhead. His way of preaching being much admired, upon the death of Mr. Richard Clear, Rector of Shottesbrooke and Vicar of White-Waltham, William Cherry, Esq., gave White-Waltham to Mr. Griffyth (but Shottesbrooke to another), where he hath continued ever since in very good Reputation. He was a Person of excellent natural parts, great probity and honesty, & of extensive Charity & good learning. His judgment was strong, & his reasoning very clear, tho' it was his misfortune, for above a Year before he died, to be deprived of his understanding. He deserved to have had great Preferment, if the times would have permitted. In Queen Anne's time my Ld Harcourt, then Lord Chancellour, had promised him Binfield, but broke his promise. As he was a good man, so he was very cheerfull and facetious. He died but in mean Circumstances, his Books being sold before his death for his Support. He took the degree of Master of Arts, July 7th, 1687, & after some Years married one of the Daughters of Mr. Rudge of Laurence-Waltham, but she died within a year or two, & was buried at Laurence-

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some time agoe. She is afraid itt miscaried, because she neuer heard from you since. I would Pray you, when you come ouer to My Mother's, to Lay aside wt Books you think fitt for mee. Stow's Chronicle My father Gaue itt mee in his Life time. I supose you haue heard of Mr. Griffith's Death, who died, I think, about a month agoe, and was Buried att Laurence Waltham. Hee is Succeeded by Mr. Turkintine, who likwise has Shottesbrook.'

Sept. 4, 1724. H. to Rev. [L.] Turkentine [Torkington] (Diaries, 104. 137). Wants to know, from the Shottesbrooke Register, in what years the two rectors of that parish named Richard Clear died.

Waltham, by her Mother (an excellent, good Woman) and Father, wch occasion'd Mr. Griffyth (who, I think, was about 70 years old) to be buried there also. Mr. Griffyth hath printed one Sermon, preached at Reading, but I think nothing more. Mr. Griffyth is succeeded by Mr. Turkentine, Rector of Shottesbrooke, & he holds both together.

Sept. 5 (Sat.). The present Incumbent of Frilsham in Berks. is Mr. Thomas Latter, who was of Brazen-Nose College, as a Member of wch he took the degree of Master of Arts, Oct. 15, 1685. I yesterday saw one Mr. James Taylor, a substantial Miller of Frilsham, who told me this Mr. Latter teaches School, & hath done so for many Years, & hath had abundance of Boarders. His Living is but small, being a Rectory of about 70 libs. per an. He told me my Lord Abbington & his (my Ld's) Brothers went to School to this Latter, who being severe, & having lashed them much, they have not cared for him since, nor taken care to do any thing for him, tho' my Lord gave him Frilsham. Latter is a Man of an high Spirit, & of no Principles, & never waits upon my Lord even when he comes to Frilsham.

This Taylor told me that Spinham land (as I have also heard from others) and Thatcham, near Newbury, are two most wretched, debauched places, and that Spinham is called Sodom, & Thatcham Gomorrah.

This Morning was carried out of Oxford, to be buried in Warwickshire, one Mr. Stratford, a very rich Man, who died last Tuesday Morning at Oxford, in St. Peter's in the East Parish, having come to Oxford to enter a Son of St. John's Coll., where, accordingly, he did enter him Gentleman-Commoner, being his only child. This Gentleman died of the Gout. He might have done well, had he not been a very monied man, wch made the Physitians and others pretend that 'twas another Distemper, & so, by playing Tricks, they shortened his Life, tho' I heard one of the Apothecaries more than once say, after he was given over, that 'twas nothing but the Gout. Yet, after he was dead, he was opened, & now the Physitians, in their defence, say 'twas an uncommon Distemper. This Gentleman had the Character of a very high Tory, and of being an honest man.

Sept. 6 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Sept. 5, 1724:—

His Majesty has been pleas'd to sign a Warrant for a Conge d' Elire to pass the great Seal, for electing the Reverend Dr. Robert Clavering, his Majesty's Hebrew Professor in the University of Oxon., into the See of Landaffe, void by the Death of Dr. Tyler; and a Warrant for passing a Patent for granting to the said Dr. Clavering the Deanery of Hereford.

His Majesty has been likewise pleased to sign a Warrant for a Conge d' Elire to pass the Great Seal, for electing William Bradshaw, Doctor of Divinity, and Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty, into the See of Bristol, void by the Resignation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. Hugh Boulter, translated to the See of Ardmagh in the Kingdom of Ireland; and to grant to the said Dr. Bradshaw the Deanery of Christ-Church in Oxon., void by the Translation of the said Dr. Boulter.

Sept. 5, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 23). Thanks for letter of Aug. 24, and kind present. Remarks on passages in the Collection of Curious Discourses. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Sept. 7, 1724, Monday.']

His Majesty has been also pleased to sign Warrants for passing two Grants for creating and erecting a Professorship of Modern History in each of the Universities.

The Reverend Dr. Lisle, Domestick Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Rector of St. Mary le Bow in Cheapside, is nominated to the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, which the late Bp of Chichester held in *Commendam*.

And that the Reverend Dr. Ibbetson, Rector of Lambeth, will be made Canon of Christ-Church, Oxon., upon the Nomination of the Rev. Dr. Bradshaw to the Bishoprick of Bristol and Deanery of Christ-Church.

Tuesday Evening the Marquess of Carnarvon, eldest Son to the Duke of Chandois, was married to the Lady Catherine Talmash, at Ham, near Petersham in Surrey, a Seat belonging to the Earl of Dysert.

NB. Mist had told us in a former Paper that this Marriage was celebrated before, wch Mr. West of Balliol College, an intimate Acquaintance of the Marquess's, told me was false.

Sept. 7 (Mon.). When Mr. Allen was in Town t'other day, he told me that near Sittingbourne in Kent, in the Parish of Bapchild, is an old Chappell, close by the London Road, of wch we have no account. It is within a mile of Thong-Castle.

The said Mr. Allen hath the Moiety of an Estate called Cheekes-Court-Farm, where were several Fragments of Roman Tyles found lately (1723) by his Tenant (as he was digging for Mould to enrich his Ground), close by a River that runs from the said Thong-Castle, where it rises. They are suppos'd to have been bricks that belong'd to the Outworks of the Castle.

Sept. 8 (Tu.). Mr. Nathaniel Boyse of University College took the degree of M.A., April 26, 1676. He is still living, being in Portugal. He turn'd Roman Catholick in King James IId's time, and so did Mr. Thomas Deane of the same College, who took the Degree of M.A., May 27, 1676. They were both drawn from their Religion by the Perswasions of Mr. Obadiah Walker, Master of University-College. This Mr. Deane is likewise still living, Mr. Allen telling me that he keeps a School (tho' very privately) in London. He was Tutor to Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen told me he bears but an ill character. Mr. Boyse and he were left Executors to Mr. Ob. Walker. Mr. Boyse thinks Mr. Dean hath cheated him. Mr. Allen heard very lately from Mr. Boyse by letter. This Mr. Deane was Author of two printed Things, one of wch was Reflections on Franc. Atterbury's *Vindication of Martin Luther's Spirit*, &c. See Athenæ Oxon., Ed. 2, vol. ii, col. 940.

Sept. 7, 1724. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 182). Received Robert of Gloucester some time ago. Thinks H. is right in omitting what is in Geoffrey of Monmouth. Doesn't remember meeting with anything of Langtoft's or Brunne's among the Lambeth MSS. Will inquire on the Archbishop's return from Croydon. Dr. Ibbetson is made Canon of Christ Church. [Note by Hearne:—'He declin'd it.']

Sept. 8, 1724. H. to John Clarke (Rawl. 110. 3). Acknowledges receipt of two guineas for Langtoft.

Sept. 9 (Wed.). Mr. Richard Reeve, formerly Schoolmaster of Magdalen College School, was the person that converted Mr. Kingsly of Magd. Coll. to popery.

On the 11th of July last died the Reverend Mr. Samuel Palmer, at Maldon in Essex. This Mr. Palmer was a Man of Parts and Learning. He was formerly a dissenting Teacher, and writ on their behalf, & in one or more of his books abused the Universities. Afterwards he turned to the Church of England, and became a high-Churchman, and had the degree of Master of Arts given him by the University of Oxford. The Dissenters, upon his leaving them, were much exasperated, & did him all the Mischief they could, as did also the Low Church Men, so that he suffered very much, and thereupon had collections, as I remember, made for him. He hath left behind him a Son of both his Names, who is a Master of Arts, and was lately Student of Xt Church. I was acquainted with him, and have mentioned him in my Preface to Camden's Elizabetha. He is now a Minister in Herefordshire. When he was of Oxford, he used to be every day at, and spent the greatest part of his time with, one Mrs. Jones, a young, comely Woman, sister to one Jones, a Bookbinder of St. Peter's Parish in the East. It was commonly believed that they were married, but tho' they were not, yet no one doubts of their being contracted. But notwithstanding this, after Mr. Palmer left Oxford, and went into Herefordshire, he married another young Woman, by whom he hath one Child, & there is another coming. This hath made him much reflected on by his Friends & others.

Sept. 10 (Th.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, called upon me Wm Stukeley, Doctor of Physick, whom I had never seen before. He told me he is about printing a little Folio Book about Curiosities. It is to be intitled, *Itinerarium Curiosum: Centuria Prima. Or, An Account of the Antiquities and remarkable Curiosities in Nature or Art, observed in Travels through Great Britain. Illustrated with one hundred Folio Prints in Copper.* He told me he design'd other Centuries. This Dr. Stukeley is a mighty conceited man, and 'tis observ'd by all that I have talk'd with, that what he does hath no manner of likeness to the Originals. He goes all by fancy. Hence his Cut of Waltham Cross is not one bit like it, whereas that done by my late learned Friend, John Bridges, Esq., is exact. Nor, indeed, is the Print of old Verulam, that he hath given, any thing but meer fancy. In short, as he addicts himself to fancy altogether, what he does must have no regard among judicious & truly curious Men. He told me he had been at Thame, thinking it was a Roman City. Good God! this is nothing but idle dreaming. How is it possible to think at this rate? Had he said Heddington had been a Roman City, any one of reason would have rather believed him, there being a bit of a Roman way passing there. He said his work was to consist of every thing that was curious, whether Roman, Græcian, Ægyptian, Norman, & what not.

Sept. 9, 1724. L. Torkington to H. (Rawl. 10. 124). Sends dates of deaths of the two rectors named Richard Clear. [See Diary, Sept. 13.] Mr. Vansittart of Shottesbrooke is anxious to have a complete set of Leland's Itinerary published by H.: he would not refuse any reasonable price. Mr. V. will readily subscribe for H.'s books.

He said he should have in it Monasteries & other Religious Houses, as occasion offered. He pretended to have discovered a Roman Amphitheatre at Silchester, a draught of the Walls whereof he shew'd me. This is again Fancy. I have been at Silchester. There is nothing like it. The Dr. told me he had never been in Oxford but once before, & that was fifteen Years agoe. Tho' he be a Physician, yet I am inform'd he knows very little or nothing of the matter.

Last night, about five clock, was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, Oxon., one Docea Jordan, who died on Tuesday Morning immediately before. She was a young Girl of about twenty-six years of age, & made beds at Queen's-College. She was reported to have been begot by a Gentleman of University-College, who hath been dead many Years. Her Mother was a very comely body, & so was this Girl, wch was the reason that she (this Girl) was much caress'd by some of the Gentlemen of Queen's-College, particularly by one Morland, a Batchelour of Arts, who went from Oxford three or four years agoe, & used afterwards to send the Girl (with whom he had been too familiar) money, sometimes a Guinea, sometimes half a Guinea, at a time, & promised to send for her to London, but at last he failed her, & sent her word that he was going beyond Sea, where 'tis said he is now. This broke the Girl's heart, as she declar'd when she was dying.

Sept. 12 (Sat.). Young Mr. Hales, that was t'other day at my room, was Page to the young King of France, and he exspects to be sent for into France again. His Brother is older than he, and is married to a daughter of Sir .... Bulstrode, Baronet, who went over with King James. He is dead, but his Lady is living. Mr. Hales hath one child, a Son, by this young Lady, & his Lady is come from beyond Sea to lye in again in England, as she did before.

My Friend, Philip Harcourt, Esq., who was Gentleman Commoner of Worcester College, being Barrister, went the Circuit this Summer, being his first time, & got nineteen Guineas.

Mr. Eaton, of St. Gyles's Parish in Oxford, told me yesterday that at North Crowley, in Buckinghamshire, is a Field in wch there is a prodigious Quantity of Danes Wort, and that they have a tradition there that there had been in that Field a great Battle with the Danes.

Sept. 13 (Sun.). Mr. L. Torkington, Rector of Shottesbrooke and Vicar of White-Waltham in Berks. (to whom I had writ about it), informs me, by Letter from Shottesbrooke, Sept. 9th, 1724, that it appears from the Register of Shottesbrooke that Mr. Richard Cleare the first (for there were two Richard Cleares Rectors of that Parish) was buried Sept. 14th, 1661, and the latter on the 26th of October, 1685. The latter was my Godfather, & I do remember (as much almost as I can do) his Funeral[1]. Mr. Griffyth, who succeeded him as Vicar of White-Waltham

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Sept. 11, 1724. H. to H. Bedford (Diaries, 104. 149). Received letters of Aug. 14 and 25, with the pamphlet about the Arminian Nunnery. Account of the original, in Dr. Wallis's hand, in the Bodleian Library.

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[1] [Hearne was seven years old in 1685.]

(for Mr. Cleare had both Shottesbrooke & that, and my Father then, too, was clarke of both), preached his Funeral Sermon, & 'twas a good one, upon Zech. 1. 5: *Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?* This latter Cleare was buried in the Chancell of Shottesbrooke Church, the other under the old Stone in the Church Yard that I have spoke of in the vith Vol. of Leland's Itinerary. The latter of these Cleares left a Son, of both his Names, who was a Batch. of Arts, & afterwards a Clergyman, & is still living, as I think.

Sept. 14 (Mon.). The Reading Mercury of Sept. 12 last informs us that on the 9th inst. John Rush, Esq., High-Sheriff, attended by the Justices and Gentlemen of the County of Berks., with a great Number of Quality, waited on his Majesty K. George (as they stile the Duke of Brunswick), at his Palace of Windsor, thanking him for the Honour done to that County by his Royal Presence: And were very graciously receiv'd by his Majesty, who at the same time conferr'd the Honour of Knighthood upon the said Sheriff.

As for the said Rush, he hath a Seat at Streatly, near Wallingford in Berks., and hath a good Estate. His Father was a Bargemaster in Oxford formerly, but getting a great deal of wealth by odd ways, he gave off his trade, and lived at Streatly, where he died. His said son was once of Balliol-College, but his Father took him away, & put him to common work.

Sept. 15 (Tu.). Yesterday was elected Mayor of Oxford Mr. Appleby, a Tallow-Chandler of St. Peter's Parish in the East. He was absent at the Election, being gone to Stratford upon Avon Fair. It was exspected that one Brock, a Taylour in Jesus College Lane, would have been the Man, he making great Interest for it, whereas Appleby seem'd not at all to stir. The Bayliffes are Mr. Matthews, a Tallow-Chandler of All-halowes' Parish, & Mr. Lawrence, a Tallow-Chandler in the Corn-Market.

Yesterday the Rt Honble Gerald de Courcy, Ld Kingsale of the Kingdom of Ireland, did me the honour to call upon me, & to sit with me some time, after wch I was with him at his Lodgings at the Mitre several hours. This young Nobleman is a very honest, virtuous Man, & hath a very good Skill in Heraldry, History, & Antiquities. There came with

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[*c.* **Sept. 14, 1724.**] **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 9). Sends copies of a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the University of Oxford, June 25, 1641, and of the University's reply, July 6, 1641. [The copies precede this letter.] Can't reconcile the Archbishop's letter with that printed in his Remains, dated June 28, 1641. Glad H. has received the pamphlet. Believes it is hardly possible to discover who is meant by H. S. Can't throw further light on the dedication of the Priory of Brunne. 'I find our Friend, Dr. Fiddes, is an uncertain Man. He assur'd me he would be at Oxford some time last Month. I will speak to a Friend to call upon him.' [PS.] 'I am told by a Learned Lady (Mrs. Grigg) that Bp. Turner's Papers were in Mr. Chiswell's [Chishull's] hands.'

Sept. 15, 1724. H. to [Michael Blount] (Rawl. 110. 115b). Would be glad to know where the extracts from the Chronicle of England made by Thomas Blount, of Orleton in Herefordshire, which were in the hands of Mr. Englefield of White Knights, are now; also where the Chronicle itself is.

him to my room, & were with him afterwards, when I was there, at the Mitre, three other very worthy, honest Gentlemen, viz. Mr. King of Hartfordshire, Mr. Butler of Ireland, & Mr. Sexton, wch Mr. Sexton is a Man of excellent learning, & acts as an Atturney for many Roman Catholicks. I had been six Years ago with this Mr. Sexton at the Mitre, with Mr. Blount of Maple Durham, & Mr. Blount's Lady, & some other truly virtuous, good people of the Roman Catholick perswasion. My Lord Kingsale often mentioned my Performances in an honourable way, & press'd me several times to write a History of England, no one, says he, being so capable on many accounts. I excus'd my self, & told his Ldship that I had already writ & published too many things of secret History, since I had been so often troubled on that score. He said (& the company agreed with him) that Dr. Keating's History of Ireland, as published by Mr. O'connor, is a very poor work, & does not by any means please, being a poor, fabulous Thing. His Ldship said that Captain Stephens's Books about our Monasteries have several good things in them, but that the whole Work, taken together, is but indifferent, & far from giving Satisfaction, & so the company said, too. For my own part, I never had yet an opportunity of reading these Books over, and therefore I cannot as yet give my opinion about them. They all wish'd that the Work had fallen upon me. I told them if I had done it, it should have been done in the manner Mr. Dodsworth & Sir Wm Dugdale followed, & that I would have taken care to have given Originals (instead of Translations), wch is the excellency of Dodsworth & Dugdale.

This young Lord is not yet married, but a fine Lady is in his View, as Mr. Sexton told me. Mr. King is Godson to K. James IIId, being the very first the King stood for. This Mr. King is a personable Man, & hath a fine Lady. He often drinks *Betty of Hearts*, meaning (I believe) K. James IIId's Queen, that most beautifull Lady.

Sept. 16 (Wed.). Mr. Sexton (when he was with me) several times promised to lend me a very scarce thing that he hath printed, in the latter end of Queen Elizabeth's Reign, in wch that Queen is most severely reflected upon.

Mr. Kimber of Holywell told me yesterday that he hath bought the Hall's Chronicle I saw lye at his House lately, for half a crown, and that

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Sept. 16, 1724. H. to Sir Charles Brown (Rawl. 110. 114). Though he has never seen the font in which Edward the Confessor was baptized, has mentioned it in the Glossary to Robert of Gloucester. Would be glad of more particulars about this or any other antiquity Sir C. B. may have.

Sept. 16, 1724. H. to L. Torkington (Rawl. 110. 21). Thanks for account of the two rectors. Much obliged to Mr. Vansittart for subscribing. Leland's Itinerary is so scarce that it is hard to meet with. 'The last yt was sold in Oxford yt I know of is yt wch belong'd to your Predecessor, Mr. Staples, whose Books were purchas'd by Mr. Peisly, an Oxford Bookseller, who sold this Itinerary afterwards to a Gentleman of London for ten Guineas, wch was look'd upon as cheap. Another of our Oxford Booksellers, viz. Mr. Wilmot, hath got both Leland's Itinerary & Collectanea, being the set of each that belong'd to ye late Dr. Charlett, whose Study of Books he

it belong'd to Tom Mynne, the joyner, deceased. It wants several leaves at the beginning.

Sept. 17 (Th.). One Mr. Chesterman, M.A. of Balliol-Coll., a young Clergyman, who preaches somewhere near Reading, and hath preached several times also at St. Marie's in Oxford, is Son of a Father (one Chesterman) that is Clarke of St. Laurence's in Reading. This Mr. Chesterman the Clergyman's Sister, a pretty sort of a young woman, is married to one Mr. Nevil Lowther, a Joyner, who now works at the Lord Cadogan's House at Caversham. This Mr. Nevil Lowther is an honest man. His Father, I remember, lived in the Parish of Shottesbrooke, near Maidenhead in Berks., and was a barber, & sold Ale there.

This day, in the Forenoon, Dr. William Bradshaw, from being Canon of Christ-Church, was installed Dean of that Church, and he is to be Bishop of Bristoll with it. He gave the Ringers half a Guinea.

An old man of Littlemore (who liv'd many years at Coventry) told me this Afternoon that Sir Robert Townsend did strange Havock to some religious places at Coventry, particularly to some Chappels, and that he did not thrive afterwards. This man of Littlemore I must talk with more. He seems to be a very honest man.

Sept. 18 (Fri.). Mr. Carew Reynell, Fellow of Corpus-Christi-Coll., Oxon., hath just printed and published a Latin Sermon that he preach'd for a Batch. of Div. Degree, at St. Mary's, on July ivth last. It is against an anonymous English Pamphlett about the Grounds and Reasonableness of the Christian Religion, supposed to be writ by Mr. Collins. Mr. Reynell is a great Whig (as Collins is also), and dedicates his Sermon to the said anonymous Author.

Sept. 19 (Sat.). Yesterday meeting with old Mr. Eaton, of St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon., he told me that by Enston (where he was born) in Oxfordshire is an old place called Dundrop, where there has, as he said (and he had it by tradition) been a Nunnery, and that some Years agoe was abundance of brave old painted Glass there, which is now destroy'd, as are most of the Buildings. By it, he said, is a close called Maiden close, and, not far of, a place called Minchin House, which must be Nunns' House.

He also mentioned Chafford there as another old place, and Lidwell, but chiefly a Hill call'd Wash-pool Hill, where, he said, is a prodigious large Stone, which some Years agoe stood fix'd in the Ground, but that a man dug it up, and found under it a large Room, and a pavement, such as that at Stunsfield, and much money, as was suppos'd, tho' he would not own it. He mentioned also another Stone there call'd Horestone (wch signifies old Stone), upon wch the Tenant pays a Peppercorn every Year to the Lord of the Mannour.

Sept. 20 (Sun.). Mr. Kymber of Holywell told me yesterday that

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bought, but he tells me he will not part with the Itinerary without the Collectanea, & yt the lowest penny for both will be twenty Guineas.'

Sept. 20, 1724. M. Blount to H. (Rawl. 2. 110). [See account of this letter, Diary, July 2, 1725.]

Mr. Dun of Lyford in Berks. hath an old, curious, illuminated book, that lyes up and down the House, & is not so much regarded as it ought. He could not remember what it was. The said Dun married a Yates, by whom he had a Son that is dead.

Sept. 21 (Mon.). In the Year 1616 was printed at London, in 4to, *The Royal Law*, &c., by Richard Eburne, Minister of the Gospel at Hengstridge in Somersetshire. In wch little piece are a great many remarkable Things, in behalf of the Church and the Clergy, against those that have encroach'd upon their Rights, and abridg'd them of their Tythes, and he observes very well that Customes or Modus's of a long duration ought to be altered, or, at least, the Payment to the Ministers, where they are practis'd, ought to be according to the Prices of things now.

Sept. 22 (Tu.). In the Year 1661 was printed at Lond., in 4to, a Sermon intit., *A Cedar's sad and solemn Fall. Delivered in a Sermon at the Parish-Church of Waltham Abbey in Essex. By Thomas Reeve, D.D., Preacher of God's word there. At the Funeral of James* (Hay), *late Earl of Carlisle.* I suppose this Dr. Reeve was a Cambridge man. The Sermon is a meer Rhapsody of Stuff. He dedicates it to the Earl's Widow.

On Sunday last, there being an Ordination at Xt Church, the Ordination Sermon was preached by that Coxcomb, Bowles of Oriel-College, Dr. Rye, the Archdeacon, it seems, being not able to get any besides. He made a strange Sermon, I am told. At this Ordination Mr. Creed, V. Princ. of Edm. Hall, went into Priest's Orders.

Sept. 23 (Wed.). The most ancient Philosophers were very cautious how, and to whom, they reveal'd the Secrets of their Art. Which was one reason that the most hidden mysteries of the Egyptians were express'd in Hieroglyphicks. It was usual for even Men of the most sublime Parts to continue in Egypt many Years before they could be let into the Egyptian Secrets. This was the case of that great Man, Pythagoras. When the Greeks became appriz'd of this, they also grew as shy themselves. So that Oaths were required of those that engag'd in the most occult Sciences not to disclose what was look'd upon as a Secret to any but proper persons. This Method was transmitted to Posterity. And 'twas mightily in vogue among the Judicial Astrologers, as may appear from Vettius Valens (wch, with other curious Greek MSS. in the Bodl. Library, ought, by all means, to be published) and Julius Firmicus. But 'twas never more practis'd than among the middle-ag'd Chymical Writers and Professors. Hence [in] an old Chymical Tract in MS. (at the End of which is, *Explicit semita recta Alkamye Alberti*), in the Hands of my Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq. (who was pleased to

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Sept. 20, 1724. L. Torkington to H. (Rawl. 10. 126). [Printed in *Letters from the Bodleian*, ii. 68.]

Sept. 23, 1724. H. to [L. Torkington] (Rawl. 10. 127). [Printed in *Letters from the Bodleian*, ii. 69.]

lend it me), there is one chapter, *De præceptis observandis in hac arte* (chymica, scilicet), the first of which precepts, or commandments (there being seven in all), is couch'd in these Words, viz. *that the werkers of this crafte bene rizt sly, and to no man telle here counselle, but only to him that they knowe so pryue & trusti that fore loue ne hate, ne fore mede, ne fore none enchesoun, here priuete be schewed.* For this reason the operators were to have private places, that they might screen themselves from common Sight. Thence the second Precept is worded thus: *The second commandment is, Fore this werk thou haue a specialle priue place from mennes sight, with 2 chambres or 3, to make there sublimations, fixations, calcinations, solutions, distillations, & congelations.* Such private places were common in Oxford. Fryer Bacon always desired such retirement, whenever he searched into the Secrets of nature. 'Tis true, the place in the South Suburbs of Oxford is now very common, but in his time it was much more private, and he had a very private way to it; tho', after all, I do not think that at that place he carry'd on any chymical Experiments, or even the Machines for w^ch^ he hath been so famous ever since, even among the vulgar, who daily speak of his brazen Head, a thing, w^ch^, nevertheless, others were noted for performing as well as he, as the famous M^r^. Thomas Allen, of Gloucester-Hall, hath sufficiently shew'd in a MS. of the Bodleian Library. Unless I am mistaken, the Place known now by the name of his Study (the lower Part whereof is certainly very old) was used by him chiefly for his Astronomical Studies, and here, I believe, he penn'd many of his writings that any thing related to that Subject, whilst what he did in Chymistry was carried on by him in places more private, sometimes in the Suburbs (the *subgressus*, as I take it, of *oppida*, while the out parts of Cities were call'd *suburbia*, a thing I note upon account of the Fragment I published from a MS. of Livy[1]), in w^ch^ there was also a fine Grove of trees, now a bare Meadow, & sometimes at Sunningwell, then much more retired than even at this time, abundance of woods having been destroyed thereabouts, particularly a great deal of the fine Park of Radley, to w^ch^ the Scholars of Oxford used so much to resort. At Sunningwell they have the tradition of Fryer Bacon's studying there to this day, where (according to the same tradition) he had an Observatory, & that, too, upon the Tower of the Church. There is always some Ground for such sort of Tradition, and 'tis not therefore to be despis'd. 'Tis very likely that he might often go up to the top of that Tower & make his observations, tho' (as I take it) the Church and the tower have been much altered since his days. The Tower seems formerly to have stood at the West end of the Church, but now 'tis on the North side of it, on purpose to make the Form of a Cross, w^ch^, with the South Wing & the Porch at the West End (w^ch^ Porch is a curious, fine thing, that I have often taken notice of, like an Oratory, w^ch^ I believe it was once), it really does. Other Scholars of Oxford had, in those times, likewise their retiring Places, in imitation of Fryer Bacon, whose Example was much followed, he being, indeed, a Prodigy of Learning, w^ch^ made him so much taken notice of by all sorts of people that he was prosecuted as a magician, tho' he writ against that practice.

[1] Vide Livium nostrum, L. xxii, c. xviii.

Sept. 24 (Th.). Memorandum that yesterday morning I paid Mr. Samuel Wilmot, of Oxford, Bookseller, twenty Guineas, or one and twenty Pounds, for a compleat Set of my Ed. of Leland's Itinerary in nine Volumes, and his Collectanea in six Volumes. The Set belong'd to Dr. Charlett. He would not abate a penny. I bought these Books for Mr. Vansittart, of Shottesbrooke in Berks.

On the 14th of August last, Dr. Richard Mead was married to Mrs. Anne Alston, and set out the same day for Sir Rowland Aston's Seat at Odell in Bedfordshire, who is the Lady's Brother.

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Sept. 25 (Fri.). Last Night I was in company of Mr. Jonah Bowyer, of London, Bookseller, who told me Mr. Wetstenius, the Dutch Bookseller of London, gave Mr. Sam. Wilmot, of Oxford, Bookseller, fifty Pounds for Grævius's Rom. Antiquities & Gronovius's Greek Antiquities, being the Copy that belong'd to Dr. Charlett. Mr. Wilmot had before offered them to me for fourty Pounds, tho' afterwards he would not let me have them under sixty Pounds, when I came to see them in the Study at University College (for he would not shew them, when he first offered them, & I was ready to purchase them). Mr. Bowyer hath offered Mr. Wetstenius fifty Guineas for them for a Gentleman, but Mr. Wetstenius will not take that Money. Mr. Bowyer is 42 years old, as he said himself (being born in 1682), and Mr. Stephen Fletcher, of Oxford, Bookseller, who was also with us, is 44 years old (being born in 1680), as he said also himself.

It was usual, in the times before the Dissolution of Religious Houses, for the Presidents of ye Provincial Chapter of any Religious Order to send forms of Indulgence, dated in their several respective Provincial Chapters, to such as shew'd a particular Affection to any Order. Accordingly, Sir Robert Throkmarton, Kt, and Godithe Peytoo, a devout Matron, had such an indulgence transmitted to them by the Presidents of the provincial Chapter of the Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustin, for the great good Will they had shew'd and express'd (by many generous and charitable Acts, as I take it) to that Order; by virtue of wch indulgence they were, living & when dead, to have the benefit of all the Religious Offices of that Order throughout England. But this matter will appear clearer from the Words of the Grant it self, as I find them in an old Slip of Parchment that was lent me by my Friend, the ingenious Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq.:—

Dei paciencia Bangariensis Episcopus, & monasterij beatæ Mariæ in pratis Leycestriæ Abbas, et Willelmus, monasterij de Meriton prior, provinciali capitulo canonicorum regularium ordinis Sancti Augustini per totam Angliam præsidentes, venerabilibus & dilectis nobis in Christo, Roberto Throkmarton, militi, et Godithe Peytoo, devotæ matronæ, oraciones, & quicquid dulcius vel melius hauriri valeat de latere redemptoris. Devocionem quam ad ordinem nostrum, ob Dei genitricis reverenciam, habetis, ut accipimus, effectu sinceræ caritatis acceptantes, pro qua acceptabile fore credentes pijs ipsarum [*sic*] beneficiorum spiritualium vicissitudinibus compensari, vos ad universa & singula nostræ religionis, tam in vita, quam in morte,

recipimus suffragia, plenam vobis, tenore præsencium, participacionem omnium bonorum concedendo, quæ per fratres dicti ordinis, per totam Angliam constitutos, in missis, vigilijs, jejunijs, oracionibus, prædicacionibus, elimosinis, ceterisque divinis excercicijs operari dignabitur clemencia salvatoris: Addentes eciam de gracia speciali, quod, cum obitus vester in nostro provinciali capitulo fuerit nunciatus, idem pro vobis fiet, quod pro fratribus nostri ordinis defunctis in communi ibidem fieri consuevit. In cujus rei testimonium, sigilla communia præsentibus sunt appensa. Dat. in capitulo nostro aput Bernewelle, anno M° D° VI°, xxiii° die mensis Junij.

The Seals are gone (having been cut off with the Parchment, to wch fixt), nor is the Bp's Name in these Letters patent of Indulgence. But his Name was John Penny. These Letters bearing date June 23d, 1506, it falls out to be the 21st of Hen. VII. Leland takes notice (Coll., vol. ii, p. 347) that he was Abbat of Leycestre. So does Mr. Wood (Ath. Oxon., vol. i, col. 562), from Leland. He was translated from Bangor to Carlisle, A. D. 1508, by virtue of the Pope's Bull, dated at Rome, 10 cal. Oct. that year, and, on the 23d of January following, paid his obedience to the Archbp of York. Ath. Oxon., loc. cit.

Meriton, mentioned here, was Merton in Surry, a Priory for Canons of St. Austin's Order, founded A. D. 1121, by K. Hen. I, and dedicated to the b. V. Mary; Tanner, p. 219. William, Prior of Meriton, must be William Salyng (or Selling), mentioned by Ant. à Wood, Ath. Oxon., vol. i, col. 640, to be Lord Prior of Martyn, or Merton, in Surrey, and to have taken the Degree of Dr. of Div. at Oxon, A. D. 1503.

Bernewelle, or Barnwell, in Cambridgeshire, was a Priory, to the honour of St. Giles and S. Andrew, for 30 Canons of St. Austin's Order, founded by Pain Peverell, Tanner, p. 22; before which there had been there an Oratory of wood, dedicated to St. Andrew, Leland's Coll., vol. ii, p. 434.

Sept. 26 (Sat.). This Morning call'd upon me Mr. James Gibson, Minister of Wotton underhill [*sic*], near Brill in Bucks. He told me that the Name of the Vicar of Cuddenton, whom I spoke of some time ago, is Causton, and that he is also Vicar of Hadnam, and is an ingenious Man. This Mr. Causton acquainted Mr. Browne Willis, some time since, with many things, as Mr. Gibson said, relating to the Antiquities of Hadnam. But then (as I believe), Mr. Causton did not know of what is said about it (for it belong'd to the Church of Rochester, and so, I suppose, it does still) in Textus Roffensis that I printed at the Theatre.

Mr. Gibson told me that Mr. Greenvill hath inform'd him that Wotton underwood[1] belong'd to a Cell under Harrow on the Hill, and that the said Cell belong'd to the Priory of St. Gregory at Canterbury. Mr. Gibson could not tell me the name of the Cell. Mr. Greenvill, I think, hath writings about this Cell. The Leiger Book of St. Gregory's Priory, I am afraid (from what is said in Somner's Antiquities of Canterbury, as published by Battely), is quite lost.

Sept. 27 (Sun.). In perusing ancient MSS., diligent care should be

[1] [Altered from 'underhill.']

taken in observing the several Contents, and they are not immediately to be thrown by because at first sight they do not seem to be for our purpose. Oftentimes Historical Notes occurr in MSS. that are otherwise of quite a different nature. Hence, at the end of a chymical Tract (written partly in Latin, and partly in English) that was lent me by Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., is this note, written in the same hand with the Tract :—

Professio Monachi. Ego R., frater accolitus, promitto fidelitatem meam, ac conversionem morum meorum ad obedienciam, secundum regulam ordinis Sancti Benedicti, coram Deo & omnibus Sanctis in hoc monasterio, quod constructum est in honore Sancti Salvatoris, in præsencia Domini J. S. archiepiscopi.

In the volume that contains the said Tract are two other Chymical Pieces. The Volume belong'd once to one William Grove, as appears from this Memorandum (written in an hand almost as old as the Volume) at the end of it, a little after the Professio monachi, transcrib'd above :—

Iste liber constat Willelmo Groue, testantybus Ego Veseo & Villtray &

Some other Name was intended to be added after *&*, but 'twas not. The Volume was written in the time of Hen. VI (tho' some of it, perhaps, was in the time of H. V), as I gather from this Memorandum towards the latter end of it.

[Extract omitted.]

Sept. 28 (Mon.). I was told last Night that Dr. Richard Fiddes hath published Proposals for the Lives of Bp Fisher & Sir Thomas More, wch, it seems, he is writing, & is about publishing by Subscription. This Gentleman lately writ & printed the Life of Cardinal Wolsey, wch is look'd upon as a very indifferent Thing, as, indeed, how should it be exspected that he should do well in a part of Learning that he never addicted himself to? He hath published sermons, wch are said to be tolerable, & if he had went on with writing such little discourses and Essays, he would, perhaps, have done very well, at least in some Things. But then, he published also a Body of Divinity, in two Folios, wch is but poor, and then afterwards must turn Biographer, notwithstanding he had never applyed himself to the Search of Records, and to the Reading of MSS., but he descends upon the Collections of others, and indeed, it hath been said that had not Dr. Atterbury, Bp of Rochester, been forced out of England, the Life of Cardinal Wolsey would have appear'd to much better advantage than it does now. Dr. Fiddes is a mercenary, careless Writer, & will do anything for lucre, as I have been told.

Sept. 29 (Tu., St. Michael). It is of great diversion, as well as of

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Sept. 29, 1724. H. to Edward Blount (Rawl. 2. 112a). Would be glad to know where the Chronicle of England, which Thomas Blount, of Orleton in Herefordshire, left behind him, is now. Is there anything in it about the dissolution of Religious Houses? [See Diary, July 2, 1725.]

Sept. 29, 1724. H. to [Mrs. Minshaw] (Rawl. 2. 112b). Asks her to forward the enclosed letter to her brother, Edward Blount, Esq. [See Diary, July 2, 1725.]

great use, to observe the ancient Tenures in England. This makes the Book upon this subject published by Thomas Blount, of Orleton in Herefordshire, Esq., very pleasant. Abundance of Additions might be made to that book. In the thirty second year of King Edward III^d, upon the feast of S^t. Gregory the Pope (or the 12^th day of March), A. D. $135\frac{7}{5}$ [*sic*], Richard Blaunche, of Coundulme, or Coundelme (commonly called Counden, or Coundon), by Coventry in Warwickshire, gave, granted, and confirmed for ever, to Henry Mullynge of Coventre, Adam of Ichyntone & William of Lalleford, chaplains, one plot of ground, with the moiety of an adjacent meadow, with the haies, fossats, and all other the appurtenances (w^ch plot of ground & meadow, with the appurtenances, lay in a field called Howefeld), situated and being within the liberties of Coundulm, to have and to hold for ever to the said Henry, Adam, and William, and to their heirs & assigns, of the Capital Lords of the fee, upon condition that they gave to the said capital Lords of the fee, at the feast of S^t. John Baptist every year, a rose flower. My Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, has the original Grant, from w^ch I shall here exhibit a Copy :—

Sciant præsentes & futuri quod ego, Ricardus Blaunche de Coundulme, filius & heres Willelmi Blaunche, dedi, concessi, & hac præsenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico Mullyng de Coventre, dominis Adæ de Ichyntone & Willelmo de Lalleford, capellanis, unam peciam terræ, cum medietate prati adjacentis, & cum haijs, fossatis, & cum omnibus alijs pertinencijs suis, quæ quidem pecia terræ & pratum, cum pertinencijs, jacet in quodam campo qui vocatur Howefeld, inter terram quondam Johannis Percy, ex parte una, & terram quondam domini Johannis de Lalleford, capellani, ex parte altera, in latitudine. Et extendit se in longitudine à terra quondam prædicti Johannis de Lalleford, capellani, usque ad terram præfati Ricardi Blaunche & terram quondam Johannis Kyng de Coventre, secundum metas & divisas ibidem factas. Habendum & tenendum dictam peciam terræ & pratum, cum omnibus pertinencijs suis, præfatis Henrico, Adæ, & Willelmo, & eorum heredibus & assignatis, libere, quiete, bene, & in pace imperpetuum, de Capitalibus dominis feodi illius, reddendo inde eisdem dominis capitalibus unum florem rosæ ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, pro omni servicio seculari, exaccione, & demanda. Et ego, vero, prædictus Ricardus & heredes mei prædictam peciam terræ & pratum, cum omnibus pertinencijs suis, præfatis Henrico, Adæ, & Willelmo, & eorum heredibus & assignatis quibuscumque, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, aquietabimus, & imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hijs testibus, Willelmo Botener, tunc Majore villæ Coventre, Thoma de Shepeÿe & Henrico Dylcok, tunc Ballivis ejusdem villæ, Johanne de Baldeswelle, Coronatore, Johanne le Hunte, Willelmo Colÿn de Coundulme, Ricardo

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Sept. 29, 1724. Mrs. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 109). Hearty thanks for things sent. 'Your Brother William & your sister Anne are in good health, Thanks bee to Good, as wee hoop you are. I haye [*sic*] sent you your Father's Q[u]ills.' [PS.] Mentions the deaths of Mr. Griffyth and Stephen Edwards. [See Diary, Oct. 3.] 'Your Brother Edmond Liueth with one Esquier Player at Mackelffield [Mangotsfield].'

Sept. 29, 1724. L. Torkington to H. (Rawl. 10. 125). 'I came here [i. e. to Henley] this day on purpose to meet the books. I wish I had met you, too. It would have been a very great Pleasure to me.' Mr. Vansittart has sent the money by the Windsor carrier, with a guinea for Langtoft.

Benet de Allesleye, & alijs. Dat. apud Coundelme, die lunæ, in festo Sancti Gregorij papæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum tricesimo secundo.

[Rough drawing of fragment of seal omitted.]

Sept. 30 (Wed.). I was told to-day that about 30 Years agoe, at the door on the South side of the Virgin Chapell at Oxford, on the East Side of Little-Gate, was a Stone with the Figures of the B. V. Mary (and our Saviour in her Arms) and the XII Apostles, but that a Man, taking it away under pretence of mending it, kept it, and never brought it again.

I was also told yesterday that the great House at Minster Lovel (commonly called Minster), being Part of the old Alien Priory, is design'd to be pull'd down in a little time.

This day Mr. Appleby, the new Mayor of Oxford, took place, & entred on his Office.

Oct. 1 (Th.). Cowper's Anatomy, printed at Oxford several Years ago, in a large Folio, with fine Cuts (after Bidloo), now sells in London for seven Pounds. And I hear that his *Myotomia Reformata*, lately printed in London, in which my Friend, Dr. Mead, had an hand, will, in a little time, come up to that Price.

Oct. 2 (Fri.). Dr. Ralph Bridges hath printed at London, in 4to, the Sermon that he preached in the Forenoon on Act Sunday last, before the University of Oxford, at St. Marie's Ch. The Text, 2 Cor. v. 7, *For we walk by Faith, not by sight.* He intitles it, *The reasonableness of Faith.* At the end of it is a great Encomium upon the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called King George, and he commends the said Duke's founding a Lecture in the Universities. I hear he hath preached in the same strain since at St. Paul's in London. This Gentleman mightily wants Preferment, tho' he is rich. He was formerly a mighty high-Church man. He is look'd upon by his Friends, and others, as a very great Whiffler. Had my late worthy Friend, his brother John, been living, he would not let him have either preached or printed this Sermon.

Oct. 3 (Sat.). From a Letter out of Barkshire, dat. Sept. 29, 1724, I understand that Mr. Griffyth, Vicar of White-Waltham, died on the 23d day of July last, and that my Couzin, Stephen Edwards, dyed at his house in White-Waltham Parish, on Sept. 9 last. The said Mr. Edwards, of whom I have made mention formerly, was a Man of very good parts and sense, an honest Man, and by his temperance lived to a good old

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Oct. 3, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 84). Accounts of Robert Plympton from Bale and Pits. Glad H. has at last received Mr. Bagford's papers. Does not know how to get at Bp. Turner's papers, which were in Mr. Chishull's hands, unless H. has some friend at Corpus Christi College.

Oct. 3, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 25). Long letter about more books in his possession. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Oct. 5, 1724.']

Age, being much above four score. His elder Brother, Richard, dyed several Years before. They were both single men. There was one brother a Minister, but I never saw him. He was a Cambridge man, I think, but I know not of what College. Nor can I tell whether he was elder or younger than Richard and Stephen. He hath been dead many Years. There was a fourth Brother, Thomas Edwards, an ingenious Man also. Richard and Edward were Taylours, Thomas was a Carpenter, and married, & dyed at Sunning (near Reading in Berks.), where he lived. Stephen Edwards taught School formerly, with good success. There was a Sister, named Eliz., whom I remember. She was a very good, pious Woman, & dyed a Widow, & was buried at White-Waltham. She married Mr. . . . . Weldon, by whom she left a Son, Mr. Charles Weldon, of Shottesbrooke in Berks., who is of the same family of the Weldons that had been once Lords of the Manour of Shottesbrooke, which afterwards belong'd to Sir Henry Powell, then to Wm Cherry, Esq., & my best Friend, Francis Cherry, Esq., & since to Arthur Vansittart, Esq., who hath all Shottesbrooke Parish (and a good Part of White-Waltham), excepting one little Tenement, & a Plot of Ground appertaining thereto, wch belong to my Couzin, the before-mentioned Mr. Charles Weldon.

In the 11th Year of King Edward IId, A.D. 1317, John Coleman, the son of Roger Coleman, of Great Inteberge, gave, granted, and confirmed to John of Tresel, Margery, his wife, William, their Son, and to the heirs of the said William, one Croft, which Roger, his Father, held formerly in Clodeshale, & all the land which he, the said John Coleman, had and held in the Fields of Clodeshale, between the village of Knitintone and the way called Buriwey and Salterstrete, and between the park of the Lord of Inteberge. He gave, also, and granted to them all the land which he had and held in the fields of Clodeshale, between the Croft of John of Tresel and the field of Dochull, and between Bradenhoc and Hethbroche, and two acres of land & one rood towards little Salter. To have and to hold the said Lands, and the Appurtenances, of the Lord of the Fee, under condition of performing the usual and accustomed Services. My Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, hath got the Original Conveyance or Deed, which he hath been pleased to lend me, and 'tis from thence that I shall here give a Copy of it at large:—

Sciant præsentes & futuri quod ego, Johannes Coleman, filius Rogeri Coleman, de Magna Intibergie, dedi, concessi, & hac præsenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni de Tresel, Margeriæ, uxori ejus, Willelmo, filio suo, & heredibus ejusdem Willelmi, unum croftum quod Rogerus, pater meus, quondam tenuit in Clodeshale, & totam terram meam quam habui & tenui in campis de Clodeshale, inter villatam de Knitintone & viam quæ vocatur le Buriwey & Salterstrete, & inter parcum domini de Inteberge. Dedi essiam[1] & concessi eisdem prædictis totam terram meam quam habui & tenui in campis de Clodeshale, inter croftum Johannis de Tresel & campum de Dochulle, & inter Bradenhoc & Hetbroche, & duas acras terræ & unam rodam versus parvum Saltorium. Habend. & tenend. totam prædictam terram, cum omnibus suis pertinencijs, de capitali domino feodi illius, per servicia inde

[1] Sic.

debita & consueta, libere & in pace inperpetuum, & ego, vero, prædictus Johannes, & heredes mei vel mei assignati, totam prædictam terram, cum omnibus suis pertinencijs, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus inperpetuum. Præterea, ego, vero, dictus Johannes, obligo me & heredes meos, & omnes terras meas & tenementa mea in manerio de Inteberge, ad quorumcumque manus devenerint, huic warantizacioni inperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium, huic presenti cartæ sigillum meum apposui, hijs testibus, Willelmo Goule, Johanne Pinel, Ada de Burmygham, Johanne Goule, Jacobo de la Hale, & alijs. Dat. apud Clodeshale, die sabati proxime post festum exaltacionis [1] sanctæ crucis, anno regni regis Edwardi filij regis Edwardi undecimo.

[Drawing of seal omitted.]

Oct. 5 (Mon.). I look upon Great Intibergie, or Inteberge, mentioned in the preceding Charter, to be the In Tanbeorgar, Intanbergum, Intanbeorgan, Intebergе, or Intebercne, so often mentioned in Heming's Chartulary of the Church of Worcester. It was therefore in Worcestershire. 'Tis very probable that Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.sh., can give me some Information in that point.

Memorand. that Sir Wm Dugdale, Antiq. Warw., p. 12, reckons 48 acres to a Yard Land.

Sir Wm Dugdale, in his Antiq. of Warwicksh., hath many things about the Trussels, & in p. 537 is a Pedigree of them, but having not seen this deed, he does not make mention of John Trussel & his Wife Margery, and their Son Wm, in the 11th of Edw. II.

Clodeshale, mentioned in the Deed, I once took to be Cloudesley-bush, in the Parish of Monks Kirby, in Knightlow Hundred in Warwickshire [2]. Dugdale mentions Cloudesley-bush in pag. 61 of his Antiq.

Villata, villeta, adunatio plurium mansionum, seu villa major; *Du Fresne*, sub voce. So that Knitintone, here mentioned (which is the same with Knighton, in Dodintree hundred in Worcestershire), was a large Village even in K. Edw. 3d's time, as it had been long before, being oftentimes mentioned in Heming's Chartulary of the Church of Worcester.

I must remember to write about Clodshale, & the other places, to Mr. Graves, who, perhaps, can give me information concerning them. The figure in the Seal is a Goat upon a Rock. A modern hand (I think Mr. Ward's own) hath indorsed the Original Deed thus:—

Johannes Coleman to Johanni de Tresel. A Conveyance of Lands in Clodeshale, *Made*—tempore Edwardi 2di, 1318. *I suppose Cloudesley Burst, Warwicksh.—Knightlow hund.*

NB. The Invention of the holy Cross is the 3d of May, the Exaltation of the holy Cross on the 14th of Sept. K. Edw. 2 began his Reign, July 7, 1307. If, therefore, the Exaltation of the holy Cross be understood, the deed must have been writ A. D. 1317; but if the invention of it (wch may be, since the word *exaltacionis* is mark'd by the same hand to be left out), then it was A. D. 1318.

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[1] The points under this word are of the same hand.
[2] But it cannot be so. It must be in Worcestershire.

Oct. 7 (Wed.). Copy of an old Parchment Release, from the Original that I rec[d] on Sept. 7 last, being lent me by my Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq. :—

Noverint universi per præsentes nos, Ricardum Loitte & Aliciam, uxorem ejus, nuper executricem & uxorem Thomæ Hone de Bordysley, jam defuncti, remisisse, relaxasse, & omnino, pro nobis & executoribus nostris, imperpetuum quietum clamasse Humfrido Rottone, de Moseley in Kyngesnortone, omnimodas acciones & demandas quas versus eundem Humfridum unquam habuimus, habemus, seu quovismodo in futuro habere poterimus, racione execucionis testamenti prædicti Thomæ Hone, ab origine mundi usque in diem confeccionis præsencium. In rei testimonium, huic præsenti scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat. primo die mensis Junij, anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Angliæ quintodecimo. Dyshulle.

Oct. 8 (Th.). Memorand. That the Seals are gone from the said Release. Bordysley is in Warwickshire. Dugdale gives an account of it, calling it Bordsley in his Antiq. of that County, pag. 645. 'Tis commonly called Bordsey.

I knew a Family of the Hones at White-Waltham in Berks. John Hone there died a few Years since, being a little more than fifty Years of age, an ingenious Wheelwright, of w[ch] trade was his Father, an old man.

King's-Norton is in Worcestershire, in Halfshire hundred, and so is Moseley. June 1[st], 15° R. H. 7, happens to be A. D. 1500.

Oct. 9 (Fri.). Yesterday Morning died at South-Hinksey, near Oxford, M[rs]. Goff, the Wife of one Goff of that Place, Victualler, after she had been brought abed about ten days. She was a pretty, civil young Woman, & has left two Children. She was daughter of M[r]. John Keien, of Oxford, Barber, who is brother of M[rs]. Clements, the Widow of old M[r]. Henry Clements of Oxford.

Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, Esq., lately lent me a modern Table, written on Parchment in a neat hand, shewing what Repentance is, how Repentance is wrought, What the parts of Repentance are, The Persons that must repent, and the Practice of Repentance. I know not the Author, nor is it material, there being nothing extraordinary in this Table.

Oct. 10 (Sat.). Yesterday was a Convocation, at two Clock, when the Chancellour's Letters were read & assented to, for continuing D[r]. Mather Vice-Chancellour another Year. At the same time were continued Provice-Chancellours D[r]. Shippen, Principal of Brazen-nose Coll., D[r]. Dobson, President of Trinity Coll., D[r]. Morley, Rector of Lincoln-Coll., & D[r]. Jones, Principal of Jesus Coll.

On Monday last happened a deplorable Accident. One Mary Hickes, a servant Maid (of a very good character for her diligence and Morals), born at Wolvercote, near Oxford, was going to service at Garford

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Oct. 6, 1724. H. to Dr. [Richard] Fiddes (Rawl. 39. 124). Encloses message from Mr. Baker of Cambridge.

Oct. 6, 1724. H. to [L. Torkington] (Rawl. 10. 123). Acknowledges the receipt of 21 guineas, viz. 20 guineas for Leland's Itinerary and Collectanea, and one guinea for Langtoft.

in Berks., and a Waggon, loaded with Paper from Wolvercote Mill, being going to Sandford Ferry, in order to go to Sutton (because the Lock at Newnham, being mending, was not passable), took the opportunity of riding in it, the Man that drove it being also born at Wolvercote, and knowing her very well. He warned her to hold by the ropes, as she sate before the Waggon, that so she might not fall, if there happened any greater shog than ordinary. But she not minding, it seems, the caution, when she came to the hollow way at Littlemore, the Waggon run against one of the banks, shook her off suddenly, & one of the Wheels ran over her head, crush'd both sides together, & kill'd her without the least crying out or motion, the Fellow that was before not perceiving it 'till some body else first saw it.

The following deed I copied from the Original, lent me by Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, Esq.:—

Sciant præsentes & futuri quod ego, Johannes le Dudel de Kyngesnortone, dedi, concessi, et hac præsenti carta mea confirmavi Ricardo le Taylour, totam terram meam, cum pertinencijs, quam habui & tenui in quodam campo vocato le Luttle Wynterfold. Habendam & tenendam totam prædictam terram, cum omnibus pertinencijs, præfato Ricardo & heredibus suis, sive suis assignatis, de me & heredibus meis, libere, bene, & in pace imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim mihi & heredibus meis duos denarios argenti, ad terminos in Kyngesnortone usitatis [*sic*], pro omnibus alijs servicijs inde faciendis. Et ego, vero, prædictus Johannes, & heredes mei, totam prædictam terram, cum omnibus suis pertinencijs, præfato Ricardo & heredibus suis, sive suis assignatis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hijs testibus, Ricardo Faremon, Ricardo in le Holies, Johanne in le More, Rogero le Dudel, Henrico Anecokes, & alijs. Dat. apud Kyngesnortone, die sabbati proxime post festum Sancti Illarij, anno regni regis Edwardi tercij à conquestu vicesimo octavo.

The Seal is gone, tho' the slip of Parchment to which it was fastened be remaining.

Oct. 11 (Sun.). On Friday, the second instant, died Madam Katherine Willis, Wife of Browne Willis, of Whaddon-Hall, near Fenny-Stratford in Bucks., Esq., a Lady of great beauty, & excellent good sense. Mr. Willis being an humoursome Man, they did not live so comfortably together as could be wished. Mr. Willis had many Children by her, most of which are living.

Mr. Murray being in Oxford, he told me, in company of Mr. Whiteside and Mr. West, on Friday night last, that he would sell all his Books, printed and written (setting aside what he had separated for his own use), for the Sum of three hundred Guineas; but then, he said he had no Catalogue of them, nor would he sell them by Catalogue.

He gave yesterday to Mr. Wilmot fourty six Shillings for Newcourt's *Repertorium Ecclesiasticum*, in two Vols., large Paper, gilt back. I had one in small Paper of Wilmot some time before for thirty shillings (or else for five & twenty), which Mr. Murray says is worth fourty now.

Oct. 12 (Mon.). Mr. Murray said that, as he came to Oxford from Hartfordshire, he pick'd up, in a Chandler's Shop, a printed Copy of John Harding's Chronicle, the finest that ever he saw in his life.

Mr. Murray said that he happened once, with two or three Gentlemen, to see the celebrated Sally Salisbury, while she was under confinement, being the only time he saw her. They found her with two or three others drinking a bowle of Punch, of about 15 or 16 shillings. Mr. Murray & his Companions sate at another table. But Mr. Murray being a great lover of Punch, & expressing himself as if he desired to tast of it, he was very civilly accommodated. He said she seem'd to him to be about fourty years of Age, tho' she must be less, if, according to her life, she was born about 1690 or 1691. He said she dress'd plain, but neat; that she had the finest hand his eyes ever beheld, and that she had been most certainly a compleat beauty.

He told me that Mr. Thomas Granger of London, who belongs to the East India Company, hath the best Collection of English Coyns he ever saw, and as he hath a most noble Collection of Books relating to our English History and Antiquities, so he hath a Copy of the 4to Ed. of Florence of Worcester, with abundance of MSS. Notes, that he thinks, if he remembers right, are the late Mr. Henry Wharton's.

Oct. 13 (Tu.). My Friend, Mr. Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, very lately lent me a single leaf of Paper, in 4to, torn from a 4to Book, on one side of which Fragment is printed as follows, in an old black Character:—

Carmeliani Poetæ in Operis commendacionem Carmen.

Vos teneri juuenes vestrum celebrate Ioannem[1],
Qui bene vos docuit verba latina loqui.
Barbara que fuerat prius, est nunc facta latina
Lingua: breui spacio quam didicisse licet,
Nam que valla dabat, vel que precepta perottus
Longa nimis: paruus continet iste liber.

Eiusdem in Reuerendi domini Gulielmi, Episcopi wintonie, Laudem Carmen.

Te, gulielme pater: multum celeberrime: qui nunc
Ecclesie Presul vintoniensis ades,
Fama canet: tantos et te celebrabit ad annos
Dum fuerit stabili firmus in axe Polus.
Hoc opus auctor enim te persuadente Joannes
Edidit: vnde tibi fama perennis erit.

The other side is white, only these two words, *Gramatica noua*, are writ on the top of it in an old hand, which, I suppose, is the title of the book, the author of which was John Leland, the Grammarian, master of Peckwether Inn (so called from one Ralf Peckewether (the Son of Richard Peckwether), who, in the 30th year of K. Hen. III, gave it to the Priory of St. Frideswyde). The said Peckwether Inn was commonly called Peckwater's ynne, as the Quadrangle, of which afterwards it became Part, was from it called Peckwater Quadrangle. It stood on the South west side of the present Quadrangle[2], which Quadrangle was likewise formerly called sometimes *Vine Quadrangle*, from Vine-Hall, which was situated on the North side of Peckwater Inn, & we see, even to this day, a mark

[1] Against this word some body hath writ *Leland.*
[2] Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., l. 2, p. 284.

of the Gate of Vine Hall in the wall just opposite to Jury lane, that leads to All Hallows' Church, & in the Wall is also the Figure of a Vine leaf, that hath continued ever since the Hall was standing, as it was the common way in old time to have such signs put upon Halls. In the said Peckwether Inn John Leland taught Grammar with great Success[1], being, indeed, the prince of Grammarians in that Age. He writ a Grammar, which, it seems, was printed, as may appear from the foresaid fragm^t^, tho' it be now wonderfull rare. Leland, the Antiquary, tells us[2] it was no contemptible thing for that time. This Grammarian died A. D. 1428[3], and was buried in St. Frideswyde's Church[4], with a marble stone over him, on w^ch^ was fastened a brass plate with his Epitaph. Leland was put upon his Grammar by William of Waynflet, B^p^ of Winchester, tho' it was before he was B^p^, I think whilst he was a member of Oxford, or, it may be, when he was Master of Winchester School. For he was not made B^p^ till A. D. 1447, w^ch^ was 19 Years after Leland's death.

Oct. 14 (Wed.). At the same time, M^r^. Ward lent me half a Sheet of Paper, in Folio, being a piece of some French Book. On one side of which is part of a printed French Index, and on the other, w^ch^ had been left blank, is written in an old hand as follows:—

Memorandum quod Oliverus Manyngham, Miles, obijt die sabbati, in festo Sancti Nicomedis, primo die Junij, anno Domini M^l^CCCCLXXXXIX, & anno xiiii^mo^ Regis Henrici septimi, inter horam iiii & v in aurora, & sepeliebatur die Martis, iiii^to^ die Junij, tunc proxime sequenti, in lez blak freers, juxta sepulturam Rogeri Swillingtoun, militem, in choro coram Altare magno.

Memorandum quod Ricardus Clifford, Armiger, frater Henrici, domini de Clyfford, Westmerl', & Vescy, de hac luce migravit secundo die Aprilis, in vigilia Sancti Ricardi, episcopi & confessoris, anno graciæ M^l^D, & regis Henrici VII^l^ XV^o^, die Jovis in quarta septimana Quadragesimæ, ad horam vii post meridiem, &c.

Beneath which, in a later hand, is writ:—

In deu est tout, quod atkynson.

And beneath that, in the same old hand that the two former Memorandums are writ in:—

Rauf Swillingtoun owe this book.
En dieu est maffyaunce Q^c^ S
Swillyngtoun. And yet I hoope.

Dugdale, in his Baronage, Tom. i, p. 343, does not seem to know the time when the said Richard Clifford, Esq. (the younger Brother of Henry, Lord Clifford), died, tho' he observes y^t^ he died in the Netherlands, without Issue, and quotes for it, *vet. stemma hujus Familiæ penes prænob. Annam, Comitissam Pembr.*

Oct. 15 (Th.). M^r^. Ward likewise at the same time lent me, *Northampton in Flames: or, A Poem on the dreadful Fire that happened*

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[1] Leland de Script., p. 445. Hist. & Antiq. Oxon., l. ii, p. 3.
[2] De Script., p. 445.
[3] 7 H. VI.
[4] Leland de Script., p. 445.

there on Monday, the 20th *Septemb.*, 1675, printed on one side of a broad half sheet of Paper, at London, 1675. 'Tis a Paper of no great note, unless it be the Commemoration of so dreadfull an accident. Tho' it had flourish'd and encreast for many ages together [1], yet by this lamentable fire it was entirely laid in ashes. But by the liberal contributions of the kingdom it was rais'd up again, with much greater beauty, so that now 'tis, perhaps, one of the most neat, complete towns in the kingdom. The old town had within the walls seven Parish Churches, besides two that were in the suburbs: so that it must have been large and populous.

Oct. 16 (Fri.). On Tuesday last Mr. Murray inquired of Mr. Peisly for the ivth Vol. of Purchas's Pilgrims. He said he could help him to the whole v Volumes, but not to the ivth alone. 'What will you have for them?' says Mr. Murray. 'A Guinea,' saith Peisly. 'I will give you three Guineas for them,' saith Mr. Murray, and, accordingly, yesterday Mr. Peisly produced him the Books, and Mr. Murray gave him three Guineas for them. 'Tis a good Set, only one Volume is a little damaged, in dutch binding.

Mr. Murray went out of Town yesterday, after he had secured the said Books. He told me that he was not long ago in company of old Mr. Strype, that hath set out many Books. It was at Mr. Strype's own house. Mr. Strype receiv'd him very civilly, and treated him & those that were with him, but he was so incommunicative that he would shew him nothing, tho' he hath many curious papers, notwithstanding he hath not been able, for want of Judgment, to make a true use of them.

Oct. 17 (Sat.). Mr. Ward of Longbridge hath lent me a small 4to MS., in Paper, containing a little Part of Leland's Itinerary, but I find that it had been all before printed by me, and that the Transcriber was not over accurate.

Oct. 18 (Sun.). Near a fortnight since, died one Mr. Trig (as the Prints inform us), a Tallow-Chandler, who had formerly lived near Stevenage in Hartfordshire, a person who, 'tis said, would scarce allow himself the common Necessaries of Life. He left his two Brothers (who are both Clergymen) sole Executors, with Orders in his Will not to bury him, but to deposite his Body in the Roof of a Barn at Stevenage aforemention'd, the Coffin not to be nail'd down, and to let it lie there 30 Years; otherwise his Estate, upwards of 30000l., is to go to the Parish. His Will was accordingly comply'd with, and on the 12th instant, at night, his Corpse was deposited in the said manner, but laid in a leaden Coffin, to prevent its being offensive to the Neighbourhood. This Will was seriously made by the old Man, and was occasion'd from a Notion he had entertained, many Years before his Death, that if his Body could be preserved from the Worms, he should rise again by the time aforementioned. Mr. Murray told me he knew the man very well, and that he lived a strange, miserable life, not allowing himself even what necessity requir'd.

Friday sev'nnight last, the Rt Honble Edward Neville, Baron of Aber-

[1] Gibson's Camden, p. 442.

gavenny (first Baron of England), died of the small Pox, in the 18th Year of his Age, at Cowley, near Uxbridge. He was lately of Wadham-College. By his Death there are now living three Dowager Ladies of Abergavenny, whose Husbands have all died within these four Years past, viz. 1. The Relict of Lord George Neville, the Deceased's Father, and Daughter to Nehemiah Walker, Esq., of Middlesex. 2. The Relict of Lord George Neville, the Deceased's eldest Brother (who had been of University-College), and Daughter to Colonell Thornicroft of Westminster. 3. The now Relict of the said Lord Edward Neville, Daughter to General Tatton, at whose House he died, and to whom he had been married about a quarter of a Year.

Oct. 19 (Mon.). Mr. Michael Burghers, the University of Oxford Engraver, told me on Saturday last that he is 76 Years old, that he was baptized in the Lutheran Church at Amsterdam, that he serv'd his time in Holland, that he hath work'd for the University of Oxford, partly under Mr. Loggan as a Journyman, and partly for himself, 55 Years.

On Thursday Night last was buried in Magdalen-Parish Church-Yard, Oxford, one Goody Saunders, an old Woman of above an hundred Years of age, formerly Bed-Maker at Queen's Coll. She was till very lately very hearty, & walk'd the Streets. She said, the last time I saw her, that she was 106 Years old, and that was within these twelve Months. She had a Son (a Gardiner of the foresaid Magd. Parish, of wch she was a Parishioner), an infirm old Man, that hath been dead many Years.

Oct. 20 (Tu.). On Saturday last, meeting Mr. Stephen Fletcher, of Oxford, Bookseller, in the Street, with a Book under his Arm in 8vo, I ask'd him what Book it was. He answered, *Ware's Antiquitates Hibernicæ*. I ask'd him the Price. He said I should have the second Edition for three Shillings and six pence, but that he would have seven Shillings for the first Ed. I told him I would give him three Shillings and sixpence for the second Ed. He said I should have the Book, and in order thereto, I went back with him to his Shop, but when I came there, he would not let me have the book. NB. The first Ed. is nothing near so good as the second, which hath some Chapters more than the first Ed. I have both Editions.

Last Week seeing Mr. Jackson, head Cook of Merton-College, he told me he was fourscore & six Years of Age. Yet he is very hearty, and goes mighty upright. He hath two Sons, Clergymen. One of them was many Years agoe Clarke of All-Souls-College.

Oct. 21 (Wed.). Last night, at five Clock, Magd. Coll. great Bell rung for Mr. Lee, a young Master of Arts, Fellow of that College, who, I hear, died of a Feaver in the Country, whither he went about 5 or six Weeks

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Oct. 20, 1724. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 177). Saw J. M.'s parcel entered at Godfrey's, and paid a shilling for carriage. 'I have often thought upon what we were discoursing concerning my letter in the Monthly Miscellany. I am come to a resolution of reprinting it; but before I deliver it to the Printer, I would fain know whether less than an hundred Copies will do. More than an hundred I am not willing to work off; but if a less number will satisfy, I shall e'en print fewer.'

ago. This Gentleman bore a good Character, being good natured and sober.

This Morning died another of the same College, being found dead in his bed, viz. Dr. John Davys, one of the Fellows, who hath been an infirm man several Years, but I do not find that he was good for any thing. He took the Degree of M.A. of that College, Nov. 13, 1677, that of B.D., Febr. 20, 1689, & that of D.D., June 26, 1708.

Oct. 22 (Th.). Yesterday I saw my Friend, Edward Prideaux Gwyn, Esq., lately Gent. Com. of Xt-Church, but now a Member of Parl. Telling him what Mr. Van Sittart lately gave for Leland's Itin. & Coll., viz. twenty Guineas, he said they were cheap, being now worth much more.

I understood by him that his Father (who is also a Member of Parl.), Francis Gwyn, of Ford-Abbey in Devonshire, Esq., is about making some Alterations in the old Abbey House there, for better convenience, tho' he said 'twould be with as little detriment to the old Building as possible.

Oct. 23 (Fri.). Mr. Murray (when he was in Town t'other day) told me that he had got back his Froissard from Mr. Anstis, & that he look'd upon it to be the best printed Copy in England, upon account of some MSS. Explications Mr. Anstis had put to it. But what those are, I know not. Mr. Murray had a design of bringing his MS. of Occleve *de regimine principis* to Oxford, to shew me, there being Chaucer's Picture in it. There are many MSS. of this Book. Mr. Murray said some were proposing that I should print it.

Oct. 24 (Sat.). Rymer's *Fœdera* is a Work that is done with no manner of tolerable Judgment. Mr. Rymer was perfectly ignorant of these Matters. He neither transcrib'd the Parchments and Papers, nor so much as read them over afterwards. Yet his Name was prefix'd, as he was Historiographer Royal. It hath the Character every where, as it deserves, of a most injudicious Rhapsody. So my Friend, Mr. Edward Prideaux Gwyn, told me yesterday. There is a vast deal of Trash in the Work, and abundance of the best Things are omitted. Mr. Gwyn told me that Mr. Rymer had taken in the Patents, had it not been for Mr. Lowndes,

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Oct. 22, 1724. H. to Mrs. Duffall [i.e. **Thomas Rawlinson**] (Rawl. 34. 104). 'On the 16th of July last Mr. May brought your 1s. token, & we drank your health with it.' Mr. Griffin yesterday delivered present of Mrs. D.'s new Catalogue. 'I have read it over with satisfaction. It made me laugh several times. I heartily wish it may turn to a very good account. You do well to make people buy this Catalogue. I think you should have done so before. This method might have somewhat indemnify'd you with respect to the Charges of the printing. But what must I say to any one that asks me about the Catalogue? I hear I must tell them that I have it not. Nor, if any one should ask the price of any Book, can I tell what to answer, unless it be that I know not. Should not some body at a distance from London have a priz'd one? I cannot direct. You know these matters far better than I do.' Progress of Langtoft. What is the 'little thing' about General Monk's pretence to the Crown of England, which Mr. May bought at one of Mrs. D.'s auctions? [This letter is addressed:—'For Mrs. Duffall, at Mr. Shepherd's in Aldersgate Street, near the Half Moon Tavern, London.']

who said 'twas all Trash. Yet 'twould have been of more use, & been more pleasing than a great deal that is published. Mr. Gwyn told me they are about putting out an Epitome of it.

He said that Dr. Fiddes's Life of Cardinal Wolsey is a most wretched, injudicious Book (as it certainly is, in the opinion of all people), and the Reverse of Burnet. For whereas Burnet speaks well of no body, Fiddes speaks well of every one. But Fiddes writes for bread, & 'tis a Subject he never studyed. Nor, indeed, did he ever apply himself to any one part of our English History & Antiquities, 'till now he does it for a penny, as he will do any thing out of a mercenary End, such is the poor Spirit of the Man. He design'd to dedicate his Book of Cardinal Wolsey to the present Earl of Oxford, but that was declin'd.

Oct. 25 (Sun.). Last Night, at four a Clock Prayers, Dr. Davys was buried in Magdalen College-Chappell. Since his death, I am told that he was of great Service to the College in stating and adjusting their Accounts, and that he gave a great deal away in Charity. He held the Sine-cure of Tubney, near Abbington in Berks.

Oct. 26 (Mon.). Yesterday Mr. Rolston, A.B. and Fellow of Merton-College, delivered to me a Present from Dr. Richd Mead (to whom, by his Mother, Mr. Rolston is Nephew), being a Qto stitcht thing, of 7 Sheets & an half, intit., *Oratio Anniversaria Harveiana: in Theatro Regij Medicorum Londinensium Collegij habita, Ad Diem xviii Octobris*, MDCCXXIII. *Adjecta est Dissertatio de Nummis quibusdam à Smyrnæis in Medicorum honorem percussis. Londini; apud S. Buckley*, MDCCXXIV. The Oration is Dr. Mead's own, and is elegant, but the Dissertation is Mr. Edmund Chishulle's, formerly fellow of Corpus Xti, and is flat, dull, and heavy. The Coyns are made to be struck to the honour of Physicians, without proof. Yet my Friend, Dr. Mead himself, is of the same opinion in his Oration. I take them, after all, to be of the Στρατηγοὶ of the Smyrnæans. We have Coyns with the Word Στρατηγὸς upon them, as also of the very magistrate's Name, & unless the word for a Phyſician were express'd on these Coyns, that are here taken to be to the honour of Physicians, I should much more readily ascribe them to the Magistrates.

Oct. 27 (Tu.). The Patent for naturalizing Titus Livius Foro-Juliensis is printed in *Rymer's Fœdera*.

This day, at one Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when the D. of Brunswick (commonly call'd King George) his Letters Patent were read, for making Mr. David Gregory Professor of modern History and modern Languages, and at the same time the said Mr. David Gregory was

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Oct. 26, 1724. R. Richardson to H. (Rawl. 9. 29). Not being able to give any account of the expression *earth horns*, wrote to Mr. Thoresby about it, but finds he can give no information. Mr. T. has been lately seized with palsy, which has almost deprived him of the use of his right hand.

Oct. 27, 1724. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 143). Sends by Mr. Whiteside 21 guineas, viz. six as a present for Robert of Gloucester, and 15 for subscriptions for Langtoft from various subscribers (named). What is H.'s next book?

admitted to his Post. I am told that there was another Letter read from my Lord Townsend about this Affair.

Oct. 28 (Wed.). Last Night Mr. Rawlins, Kinsman to the late Dr. Charlett, being in Oxford, we spent the Evening together. He told me that among Dr. Charlett's Letters is one written by Dr. Wake, the present Archbp of Canterbury, by which it appears that then, at the beginning of the Revolution or Rebellion, he was of nonjuring Principles, & for non-complyance with the Prince and Princess of Orange, notwithstanding Secular Interest afterwards strangely byass'd him, as it did Gibson, the present Bp of London, who, I am well assur'd, stood out some time, & said he would, upon no account, take the new Oaths. But this Gibson is a strange Whiffler. Mr. Rawlins shew'd me a Letter of this Gibson's to Dr. Charlett, by which it plainly appear'd to me that he is a deceitfull Wretch, & strangely ungratefull.

He told me that he is well acquainted with Mr. Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, who (he said, as he certainly is) is a pretty, ingenious, good natured young Gentleman, educated at Warwick, & tho' he was never at any University, yet is very bookish (especially if he meets with any old books), and is a good Scholar. Mr. Ward is about 25 Years of Age, hath a pretty Estate of about 400 libs. per an., but happened to marry an extravagant Wife (by whom he hath three or 4 Children), the Daughter of an Apothecary, but her Father-in-Law is a Baker. Mr. Ward, being very young, it seems, was courted by several Coaches coming to him every day, but this young Woman, being very beautifull, brisk, & airy, prevail'd so upon him that the Courtship & Marriage were begun & ended in a Week's time.

Oct. 29 (Th.). Mr. Rawlins at the same time told me that it appear'd from Dr. Charlett's Papers that old Ralph Sheldon, of Beoly, Esq., allow'd Anthony Wood ten Pounds a Year, that Anthony was not content with this, but would have had fifty, and was peevish upon the occasion, especially when he could not (as he fain would have done) draw Mr. Sheldon in to be at the whole Charges of printing his *Athenæ Oxon.*

He said that there was very little of Dr. Pocock's own writing among Dr. Charlett's Papers, tho' there were several Letters written by others to the Dr. Yet 'tis certain Dr. Charlett had once a great Number of Dr. Pocock's Papers, under pretence of writing his Life.

Oct. 30 (Fri.). This being the birth day of the pretended Prince of Wales, the bastard Son of George, Duke of Brunswick, there was in Oxford mighty ringing of Bells at Xt Church and other Places, and they

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Oct. 29, 1724. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 138). Thanks for books received. Has sent Clarendon, which he hopes will please. 'Concerning yovr Letter in ye Monthly Miscellany, I Am of the Opinion that Less than An hundred will not do, butt that I must Wholly Leav to yov, from Whom I belive any thing of that Kind will be verry Acceptable to yr Friends here.'

Oct. 29, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 26). Long letter about more books in his possession.

rang, too, very well. But what will not be done by some People for Money and Interest?

Yesterday was an Election of four Taberders in Queen's-College, when three of the Senior poor Children were put by, one of which Seniors (named Sheppard) is the most virtuous, studious, sober young man in the whole College, & is, withall, seven Years' standing. But these good Qualifications (with shame be it spoken) occasioned his being turned by.

Oct. 31 (Sat.). I was told the other day, by one John Puffett, of S^t^. Clement's Parish, near Oxford, that the present Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, D^r^. Mather, President of Corpus X^ti^ Coll., was born in Manchester, that his Father is a Taylour, still living in Manchester, that the said D^r^. Mather was first a Servitour of X^t^ Church, that he was thence elected Scholar of Corpus X^ti^ College, of w^ch^ he became first Fellow, and afterwards head. This Puffett is 47 Years of Age. D^r^. Mather is about 50.

Nov. 1 (Sun.). The Rev. M^r^. John Burton is chosen first Master of Winchester School, in the room of the Rev. D^r^. Thomas Cheney, lately deceased.

The Rev. D^r^. Peter Foulks is made Canon of Christ-Church, in the room of D^r^. Bradshaw, who is made Dean of that Place, and B^p^ of Bristoll.

Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for chosing a Lecturer of S^t^. Gyles's, Oxon., vacant by D^r^. Evans's being promoted to a good Living, and D^r^. Heywood of S^t^. John's College was chosen without any opposition.

Nov. 2 (Mon.). I am told M^r^. Chishull hath about 300 old Inscriptions (most of them, I suppose, from D^r^. Sherrard) that were never yet published, which he therefore designs to print.

I am told that the Coyns at the End of D^r^. Mead's *Oratio Anniversaria* are look'd upon in London by learned Men to belong to the Στρατηγοί, or magistrates, notwithstanding what is alledged to the contrary; that they are obscure Coyns, & that the help of fancy might have made them any thing else.

I am told D^r^. Mead's Lady is about 30 Years of Age, & that the D^r^. is near 60.

This day D^r^. Fiddes of Univ. Coll. called upon me. He told me he would subscribe to any thing I should publish, that he was writing the Lives of B^p^ Fisher & Sir Thomas More, that he had got two valuable MSS. from M^r^. Baker, one of which is the Latin Life of B^p^ Fisher that M^r^. Baker had from Rog^r^ Gale, Esq. He said M^r^. Baker look'd upon this as the best Life that hath been written of B^p^ Fisher, & gave him leave to print it. He said he had had three or four MSS. concerning Sir Thomas More that I had not seen, tho', at the same time, he should

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Oct. 31, 1724. H. to [R. Mead] (Rawl. 110. 2). Hearty thanks for the 21 guineas paid by Mr. Whiteside. Langtoft is retarded by the ill health of H.'s compositor.

make much use of my Book. One of these MSS. abt Sir T. More, it seems, he recd from Mr. Anstis.

Nov. 3 (Tu.). Dr. Fiddes, who hath a strange Impedimt in his Speech (I think I never knew a worse), told me that this Misfortune happened to him many years ago, when he was officiating at Church, and that before he had as ready utterance as any one.

Mr. Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, lately lent me an old 4to MS. on Paper, in Latin, *De Sacramentis Ecclesiæ*, but in one part of it, in the same hand, is the following account in English about the virtues of the Mass:—

Istæ sunt virtutes missæ secundum doctores ecclesiæ.

Þe fyrste. Synt Austine de civitate Dei sais þat þe vertu of þe masse is of more profet to hym þat heres it, þan he went alle hys lyfe dayes vn pylgrameche, and gaf alle hys godes in almes dede. Also þat day he sees þe blessed body of Criste shalbe geuen vnto hym necessary foode. Also idelle othes vnaviset spoken ar forgeven. And þat day he deeth no sodeyn deth, for if amon disses shortelie, it stondes hym as for hys howsell.

Synt Gregory seith þe secunde vertu is, þat þe Sawles of whom þe herer of þe masse intendeth to pray fore in tyme of þe masse, þai ben stabled from peyne.

Seynt Bede seith þe thrid vertue is, That qwat so euer amon etes þat day is more conuenient vnto his nature for þe heryng of þe masse.

Seynt Grisostreñ[1] seith þat þe iiiite vertue is, That amon in heryng of his masse ageth not, nor febleth not, as Adam & Eue by etyng of þe frute of þe tre of lyfe noþer aget ne sekened. Also as þe children of Ysraell agyt not as long as þai dyd ete Manna in desert, Nor þat fode went neuer in to digestion, ne he schall not be priued of hys fode.

Seynt Paule seith þat þe vte vertue is, That more avalethe þe hede prayer þen all oþer prayers. Þe masse is þe prayer of Criste, qhwech is oure hed, & wee his menbris. Þerfore þe masse most avalethe of all prayers.

Seynt Bernarde seith þe sexte vertue is, That a womon beyng with chylde, and scho deuotely here a masse, yf scho trauell þat day, scho shall haue bot lytell desese ne sore in comparison.

Seynt Mathew seith þat þe viite vertue is, That a man þat is penitent of his synnes, and devotely herith his masse, qwhatsoeuer he thynketh & asketh rygtfully, it is begeven vnto hym.

Seynt Ansel seith þat þe viiite vertue is, That all þe þases goyng and comyng forto here his masse are nowmberyt, & of God rewardet.

Seynt Bede seith þat þe ixte vertue is, That for euery masse devotely [herde] a synner is conuertet, and a sowle delyueret of his paynes, and a ryght-full man is not deblied nor febled of his way of ryghtwesnes.

Also Seynt Bede seith þat þe xte vertue is, That amasse valeth more in amannes lyfe þen a M[l] aftur his deth, & it more avayleth for forgeuens[2] of his synnes þen any oþer prayer.

Also Seynt Bede seith þat þe xite vertue is, That whyle þe masse is a-sayng, þe synnes of þaym þat lyf, & of þaym þat be dede, be relesched.

More awver Seynt Bede seith þe xiite vertue is, That þe sayng of amasse is assmoche in valew as is þe deth of Crist on þe Crosse. For as þe deth of Criste hath redemyt vs from owre synnes, so þe sayng of a masse loses & deliuers sowles from þaire paynes. Therfore þe masse shulde gladly be seyd, & deuotely be herde, by the qwech man may be helefully saued, and þe sowles from paynes be delyueret. Amen.

[1] Sic. [2] Sic.

In former tymes it was a common Practice to keep fayrs and markets on Sundays and Holydays. I have heard that there was a Market upon Sundays at Eynsham, near Oxford. And 'tis certain that there was a great one formerly at Abbington on Ashwednesdays, even in Q. Elizabeth's time, and after, tho' now it be kept on the first Monday in clear Lent, being altered, as I take it, in the Puritan times. Indeed, it was necessary often that such Fairs & Markets should be kept on those days. But then caution used to be taken about Irregularities, in reference to which practice are the following remarkable Words in the foresaid MS., which was written, I think, in the time of K. Hen. V:—

Quæritur quid[em] de euntibus ad nundinas & ad mercata, quæ fiunt in festivitatibus. Respondetur secundum Willelmum, Si aliquis homo facit non ex consuetudine, sed pro sua necessitate, & ante audivit divina, non credo quod peccet mortaliter. Secus si consuetudinarie seu lucrandi cupiditate, & maxime subtrahendo se à divinis, aut eciam si hujusmodi mercata à prælatis illius loci prohibita sunt. Mercata tamen, quæ ex quadam necessitate fiunt de victualibus & necessarijs ad diem aliquem, non credo illicita esse, dum tamen propter hoc non se subtrahant à divino officio. Heu! non hoc attendunt isti institores & mercatores, qui in nundinis & dedicacionibus, vel in alijs festivitatibus, summo mane sua venalia exponunt, & totum divinum negligunt, nec illa die missam vel sermonem audiunt, & in hoc graviter deum offendunt. In signum hujus tempore paschæ prohibetur communio omnibus talibus, qui mercancias suas diebus festivis exercent, & communio non prohibetur, nisi pro peccato mortali. Quæritur & de illis qui vecturam diebus dominicis & festivis exercent, & similiter de hijs qui dominis suis vecturam bladorum adducunt in diebus festivis. Respondetur secundum Willelmum, quod non excusantur, nisi alia necessitas eos ad hoc compellat. Et insuper tales domini, qui eis dant occasionem, vel jubent eos talibus diebus exercere vecturam, participes sunt illorum peccatorum. Sed vectores mercimoniorum vel alimentorum vel personarum ad loca remota, cum alias non possunt sine gravi damno & incommodo credo excusari. Et simile est de viatoribus & cursoribus.

In the same MS., of the same hand, is a Latin tract, *de officio Sacerdotum*, in which are many good things. In which tract, among other things about baptism, this passage is remarkable:—

Primo debet sacerdos parochialis formam baptismi in Anglicis verbis frequenter exponere inter parochianos suos diebus dominicis; propter mortis periculum oportet aliquem baptizari; illam formam sciant ut valeant observari. Dicatur igitur sic à baptizantibus. ¶ I cristen þe in þe name of þe fader, and þe son, & þe holy gooste. Et debet puer ter, vel saltem semel, in aqua mergi, vel super eum aqua aspergi. Et si quis puerum baptizaverit secundum illam formam, caveat ne iterum eundem baptizet, sicut faciunt stolidæ mulieres, quod si fecerit, quasi Christum iterum crucifigit. Et siquis puerum in aqua ter merserit, & dixerit, In nomine patris, & filij, & spiritus sancti, & non dixerit, ego baptizo te, puer non est baptizatus. Et sciendum est quod forma verborum data ab ecclesia in baptismo omni modo servanda est. ¶ Si eciam sacerdos racionaliter dubitet, an parvulus fuerit in forma debita baptizatus, tunc debet sacerdos eum baptizare hijs verbis præmissis, Si baptizatus es, ego non te baptizo. Sed si non es baptizatus, ego baptizo te in nomine patris, &c. ex^{ū} [1] [exemplum?] de baptismo, c. ij.

[Extracts from the same MS. about matrimony, &c., omitted.]

[1] Afterwards he hath ex^{ū} for extra, as si ex^{ū} p^{cm} mor^{le}, id est, si extra peccatum mortale. Afterwards he also hath ex^{ū} de usura

[In the same MS. are] Some English Notes of wages due to servants by the possessor of the book, in the 4th and 5th year of Q. Eliz., in which is mention made of menservants for hosecloth iijs. iiijd., wch shews that cloth was then in use for Stockings, or hosen, and the said 3s. 4d., it seems by the other wages set down, was the common half year's Allowance to a manservant, but I found nothing of womenservants. The possessor, it seems, was one Barns. For among those later Notes I find these Memorandums, viz.

In the yer of ovre lord god a M̄DLxiij was Wylleam Barns xvi yer wold, & Rychard Barns xii yere wold, Thomas was vi yer wold, Edward iij at Midsummer after, & Anne Barns at Hallorod day after was xv yer wold.

And 'tis among the same more modern Notes that the following one occurrs, which I think fit to put down, particularly as it mentions a person of my own Sirname (and indeed, my Father's own Brother, now living, who is therefore my Uncle, is of both Names, being called William Hearne), viz.

Ihesus.

Be yt knowen vnto all men by thys presens that I, Wylleam Heyarne, of Radway, housband man, with in the Cownty of Warwyck, hathe recevd of Mrs. Barnes of Talton, wydo, the sum of mony for the fyrst yere vli. vis. viiid., & for thys yere next as mvche more, vli. vis. viiid., indyng at holoroday. Also the seyd Wylleam mvst fynde bothe hey[1] & commyn for viiixx shyp for thys to yeres, wyche ys the iiijth & vth yere of the Rayne of owre quene Elyzabeth, by the grace of God, &c., & the vth day of Apryl, & I, the seyd Wylleam, shall descharge the seyd Mrs. Barnes for thys ij yeares, she & hyr eyres, excecuttors, or a-seynes.

[Rough outline of seal (?) omitted.]

Nov. 4 (Wed.). Being last night with Mr. Whiteside, Keeper of the Ashm. Muséum, and Mr. Rolston, Fellow of Merton College, at the Lodgings of Dr. Stratford, Canon of Xt Church, the Dr. told me that he had found a good Evidence that Rob. Dudley, Earl of Leycester, was for making away the Queen of Scots by poyson, and it seems he advis'd Queen Eliz. to make use thereof, crying out, *poyson, poyson.* He said in the Yelverton Library are abundance of curious Papers relating to that unfortunate Queen.

He said in the Book call'd *Valesiana* (or some posthumous Things of Hadrian Valesius) is mention made of a Missal, printed at Rome, which, it seems, Hadrian Valesius had seen himself, in which are petitions and expressions of adoration made to every part, not excepting even the pudenda, of the Virgin Mary's body.

Yesterday, at 2 clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, in wch an Address was read and consented to (not one person shewing the least dissent, that I can learn), from the Univ. of Oxford to the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George, upon account of his founding a Lecture of modern History and modern Languages in this University. I am told there was a very full House. Alass! Alass!

Nov. 5 (Th.). Yesterday, at 2 Clock, was a Convocation for sealing the said Address.

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[1] Sic.

There being a Vacancy this Year of five Fellowships at All-Souls-College, they were filled up on Tuesday, out of sixteen that stood, with the following Persons, the Warden & all the Fellows unanimously agreeing this time, viz. Mr. Palmer, A.B. of Balliol-College, Brother to Thomas Palmer, of Fairfeild in Somersetshire, Esq., Mr. Fletcher of Trinity-College, whose Mother, a Widow Woman, lives now in Oxford near the Theater, and his Father, Mr. Thomas Fletcher of New-Coll., who took the Degree of A.M., June 14, 1692, [and] was second Master of Winchester School, Mr. Taylour of Xt Church, Mr. Langton of Queen's-College, and Mr. Cotes of Magd. Hall, Nephew to Mr. Cotes, Principal of that Hall.

Nov. 6 (Fri.). On Wednesday Morning last was a Congregation, when one Mr. Waugh, a Commoner of Queen's College, was presented to the Degree of Bachelour of Arts, tho' of but three Years' standing, a Privilege he claim'd as being son of Dr. Waugh, the present Bp of Carlisle. But he had been denied in three preceding Congregations, because his Father was made Bp since his being matriculated, wch being perceived & well known by the Young Man's Friends, they got him to be entered *Episcopi filius* in the Matriculation book, & by that means evaded the design of the Statute, which, without doubt, was intended only of such as were really matriculated by such Titles. But this Evasion pass'd glib, & he was presented without opposition or contradiction, & 'twill be a Precedent hereafter.

Nov. 7 (Sat.). Yesterday meeting with Mr. Owen, Fellow of All-Souls College, by the Theater, he told me that having been lately in Wales, he spent about a Week with Richard Mostyn, of Penbedw, Esq., a very worthy Gentleman, and my Friend, who is Uncle to Sir Roger Mostyn, Baronet, and that he shew'd him a Bible of K. Hen. VIIIth's Ed., but without a Title, the same with that I have mentioned in my Preface to Robert of Gloucester's Chron. Besides wch Book he also shew'd him *Durantus's Rationale Divinorum*, on vellam, a wonderfull fair & compleat Book, printed at Mentz in 1459, the same with that in All-Souls-Coll. Library, only that in All-Souls is miserably abused, the place & time of printing being, among other Things, cut out. Mr. Mostyn bought this Rationale, with other Things, for about 20s., but I know not what he gave for the Bible, I suppose but little.

From Mist's Journal, Nov. 7, 1724:—

They write from Norwych that on the first of this Instant died there the Reverend Dr. Prideaux, Dean of Norwych, a Person who, besides all the Services he hath done to the World as a Scholar, hath eminently distinguished himself in his Writings, as a Man that had Religion truly at heart. He hath left behind him the Character of a great and good Man.

Nov. 8 (Sun.). On Sunday, Oct. 25 last, dy'd Mr. John Sewell, Register and Chapter Clerk to the Dean and Canons of Windsor, which Office he enjoy'd and discharg'd with great Fidelity for many Years.

Nov. 7, [1724]. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 185). Has examined the Lambeth Catalogue of MSS., but can't find Langtoft or Brunne mentioned. Fancies H. has made a mistake in the library.

He has (as the Prints tell us) left the Character of a Man of strict Probity, and a curious Enquirer into the Antiquity and History of this Nation.

Nov. 9 (Mon.). Memorand. that Dr. Stratford told me t'other Night that my Lord Harley got from him, some time since, his Copy of Gower's *Confessio Amantis*, which he set a great value upon, partly, he said, because it was printed by Caxton, and partly because there was a Note written in it by Mr. John Urry, signifying the value I then (when Mr. Urry shew'd it me) set upon the Book. I well remember Mr. Urry shew'd me this Book, and that 'twas a mighty fair, compleat Book, and that I afterwards saw the Book with Mr. Urry's Note in Dr. Stratford's Study.

On Thursday last sennight was married (somewhere about Wallingford) Mr. Thomas Browne, Mancipal of Magd. College (a Place given him by the President, Dr. Butler, since the death of Mr. Westmore), to one Mrs. Dandridge, a tall, comely young Woman, who had been lately Servant to one Mr. Justice Taylour, formerly a Mercer in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, under his Uncle, Sir Robert Harrison, but now he lives (upon his Estate) in Holywell, being a Justice of Peace, tho' a poor, half strain'd Creature, after which she was Servant to the said Dr. Butler (to whom Browne was also Servant, 'till he got to be Mancipal), and 'twas thought there would have been a Match between the President & her, she being always very gay and bonny there, but upon the President's marrying Dr. Sacheverel's half Sister, she was discarded, & now at last is married to this Tho. Browne.

Nov. 10 (Tu.). Yesterday was spoke in the Natural Philosophy School the annual Speech upon Sir Thomas Bodley, by Mr. Xtopher Haslam, A.M. and Student of Xt Church, an ingenious Man. I heard this Speech commended upon some accounts, but in this they blamed him, that he brought in the Statue to the Earl of Clarendon at the new Printing House (which Statue is a very poor one), and took occasion to commend the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George, for founding the Lecture of modern History and modern Languages. But this way of Flattery many besides are guilty of, otherwise they would not have address'd the said Duke, as the Convocation did very lately, and the Address was carried up to London last Friday by Dr. Mather, Vice-Chanc., Dr. Bradshaw, Dean of Xt Ch., Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll., Dr. Dobson, President of Trin. Coll., and his Son, Dr. Dobson, Warden of New Coll., Dr. Gibson, Provost of Queen's Coll., Dr. Thistlethwayt, Warden of Wadham Coll., Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, and the two Proctors, Mr. Le Hunt, Student of Xt Ch., and Mr. Ayres, Fellow of All Souls Coll. Mr. Haslam, I am told, stiled the Duke *optimus princeps*, a Title condemn'd in honest Will. Rogers, when he put up the good Statue to K. James IId at Univ. Coll., & the word *optimus* was ordered to be erased. Yet tho' these Men cringe, & do the same

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Nov. 9, 1724. E. Bayly to H. (Rawl. 2. 8). Account of the draught he has had made of the Chichester Inscription. A tesselated pavement has been discovered not far from the place where the inscription was found.

thing themselves, they, however, blame Dr. Ralph Bridges for his Sermon last Act, in wch he magnifys this Duke, and after the said Bridges had printed his Sermon, he presented one finely guilt to the Duke, being, as I have several times heard, introduced by the Lord Townsend, Secretary of State.

Nov. 11 (Wed.). On Monday last Mr. West of Ball. Coll. bought of Mr. Clements my Ed. of Camden's Eliz., in large Paper, for which he gave three Guineas and an half.

Dr. Hare hath lately put out in 4to a new Ed. of Terence. I have not perus'd it. But I am told that, tho' he speaks several times honourably of Dr. Bentley, yet having more than once said something that seems to diminish the Dr.'s Critical Skill, Dr. Bentley is now putting out another Edition, being at the same time also about an Ed. of Lucan, and Q. Curtius, having, it seems, laid aside (for wch no good man is sorry) his design of putting out the Greek Testament.

Nov. 12 (Th.). Mr. John Wigan, Student of Xt Ch., hath lately put out (printed at Oxford in folio), in Greek and Latin, with Critical Notes & Prolegomena, Aretæus the Physician, in wch are also some Things done by Mr. Mattaire. This is a good Performance, the Publisher (who is younger Brother to Mr. George Wigan, Student of Xt Ch., who took care of the last part of Dr. Grabe's Ed. of the LXXII) being an ingenious Man and a good Scholar, tho' in a very indifferent State of health, wch occasions his being at present in France. He was put upon this Work by Dr. John Friend, to whom he hath dedicated it, and some say the Dr. had the chief hand in the Performance.

Nov. 13 (Fri.). At the same time that my worthy Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., lent me the MS. accounted for in p. 69, he lent me an old Fragment, written on one side of a 4to piece of Vellum, containing,

1. An old Confession to the Virgin Mary, in a hand of K. Stephen's time. I have printed an old Confession of Edw. IIId's time, as I took it, in p. l. of my Apparatus to Sprotti Chronica, being the only one of the kind I had then seen. This being older, I shall here transcribe it.

O sancta virgo virginum,
Quæ genuisti filium,
Triumphatorem zabuli,
Reparatorem seculi,
Ego peccavi nimium,
à te peto remedium:
Esto patrona misero,
Sis salus & defensio.
Incumbunt hostes undique,
Mortem quærentes animæ:
Foris perversi homines,
Intus maligni dæmones.
Et mihi multa vulnera
Infixa sunt, ô domina,
Quæ nisi tu curaveris,
Sunt mihi causa funeris.
Consensi suadentibus,
Mortale crimen habentibus:
Et ob hæc reus teneor,
Meam culpam confiteor.
Nam .v. sensus corporis
Effeci portas criminis,
Pulcra videndo diligens,
Levia tangendo cupiens.
Audivi libens turpia,
Narravi gaudens frivola,
Narrans implevi sæpius
Illicitis odoribus.
Esu potuque dulcium
Sum delectatus nimium.
Peccavi per superbiam,
Et per inanem gloriam.
Pollutus sum perjurio,
Et comitatus odio.

Per iniquum mendacium
Sæpe fefelli proximum,
Et de rapinis pauperum
Collegi lucrum pessimum.
Iræ & avariciæ
Servivi quasi dominæ.
In corpore & anima
Commisi multa crimina.
Nam corpus quod non potuit
Mens perpetrare voluit.
Me turpis cogitacio,
Me pestilens locutio,
Me culpa dampnat actuum,
Iniquitas consensuum.
Hæc tibi nunc confiteor,
Quæ sanctis extas sanctior:
Tu causam meam suscipe,
Me dignum pœnis eripe.
Exora tuum filium,
Ut mihi det remedium:
Ex carne tua genitus
Tuis favebit precibus,
Et matri quæ se peperit
Negare nichil poterit.

Per ejus natalicium,
Per ipsius jejunium,
Per asperas injurias,
Flagella, sputa, alapas,
Quas sua sponte pertulit,
Qui se pro nobis optulit:
Per vestem coccineam,
Et per coronam spineam:
Per clavos, per patibulum,
Per cicatrices vulnerum:
Per aperturam lateris,
Per rivum sacri sanguinis:
Per sacram eukaristiam,
Et per baptismi graciam:
Per sacramentum fidei,
Quæ corde credens didici:
Imploro te, pijssima,
Pro impetranda venia,
Ut mihi Christi passio
Culparum sit remissio,
Et ejus resurrectio
Virtutum augmentacio.
Amen, ave Maria.

2. The X Commandments, in a hand of the same age, in old English, viz.

Les diz comandemens.

Loue god ouer alle þing.
Ne suuer þu fals for no þing.
Feste held fram wrching.
Fader and moder do worþing.
Of manslo3t naue willing.
Hordom let, it is ful þing.
Mid wrong of noman haue no þing.
Of false witnusse let bering.
Let fleses lust ut of spusing.
Wyllet of oþer manne þing.
Þos ten hestes hat heuene king,
Holde for habbe gud ending.

where the 2d commandment is omitted (as 'tis in several other MSS. of middle age Antiquity that I have seen), and the 10th is divided into two.

3. Medicina pro dolore dencium.

4. Contra febres. Both these are of no account.

Nov. 14 (Sat.). Mr. Gerard Langbaine, Fellow of New Coll., & Master of New Coll. School, being chosen Fellow of Winchester College, yesterday he resign'd his Schoolmaster's Place of New College, & at parting made a pathetical Speech to the boys in the School, & he is succeeded as Master by Mr. Bowler, M. & Fellow of that College, who was before his Usher.

Nov. 14, 1724. John Innys to H. (Rawl. 27c. 1). Finds H. never received the note informing him that the half guinea sent by Godfrey was from Dr. Harwood. Wishes him health and happiness.

This day St. Mary's & New Coll. Great Bells rung out for Mr. Thomas Bromwich, M.A., Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, & Chaplain of New-Coll., who died some time in the last Night of a long, ling'ring, consumptive Distemper. He was a Man that corrected a good part of Dr. Hudson's Josephus, as it came from the Press, & used to do other Pieces of Drudgery for the Doctor, to whom he had been Pupil at University Coll. This Mr. Bromwiche's Brother is Minister of Bessilslee, near Abbington.

Nov. 15 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. West of Balliol College let me have *Pitseus de Scriptoribus* for a Guinea and an half, at which Price he was so kind as to procure it for me [1], as he said, of Mr. Adams, one of the Fellows of Lincoln-College, who, it seems, had it out of his Uncle the late Rector of Lincoln College's Study.

From Mist's Journal, Nov. 14, 1724:—

Upon the Death of the late Reverend and very learned Dean of Norwich, the Archdeaconry of Suffolk became vacant, which being in the Archbishop of Canterbury's Gift, upon the Consecration of the present Bishop of Norwich, we hear his Grace has given it to the Reverend Dr. Wilkin, his Chaplain, Rector of Hadley and Moncks-Ely.

On Monday last the Reverend Dr. Mather, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, attended by many Heads of Houses, the Proctors, and several Doctors of that University, and accompany'd by a great Number of Bishops of that University, being introduc'd by the Right Honourable Thomas Cook, Esq., Vice-Chamberlain of his Majesty's Houshold, in the Absence of the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of the Houshold, presented a most humble, dutiful, and loyal Address to his Majesty, for his late Benefaction in founding a Professorship in each of the Universities for modern History and Languages, no Provision being made before therein for Improvements in that part of useful Learning: To which Address his Majesty was pleased to return a most gracious Answer, as followeth:—

'The Assurances given me in this loyal and dutiful Address, of the Affection of the University of Oxford to my Person, Family, and Government, and of your Care and Diligence to instil into your Youth the same Principles of Duty and Affection, are extremely acceptable to me: And as I doubt not of your joining heartily in your Endeavours to improve what I have begun, to the Honour and Advantage of the University, and the Service of the Publick, so you may depend upon my constant Favour and Protection.' [2]

On Monday last the Rev. Mr. Ellis, a noted School-Master at Mortlock, after having been at Church with his Scholars, came home and stabb'd himself with a Knife under his left Pap, and dy'd immediately.

Nov. 16 (Mon.). Dr. Carter, Provost of Oriel Coll., having entered a young Gent. some time ago from Hart-Hall, the Principal of Hart-Hall, Dr. Newton, hath made a great Stir in the matter, because the young Gent. had no *discessit* from the Hall, as the Statutes require, tho', after all, Dr. Carter forfeits only 40 Shillings for such enterance by the Statutes, wch Newton would have raised to 40 libs. Newton is famous for talking much, Carter for saying nothing. Some body upon this occasion hath

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[1] [MS. 'procure me it for.']

[2] [A cutting from *The London Gazette*, No. 6319, containing the Address and Royal Answer, is inserted between pp. 108 and 109.]

made the following Verses, communicated to me last night by Mr. James West of Balliol College, who said the Author of them was Mr. Davies, formerly V. Principal of Hart-Hall, tho' I should rather think they were done by Mr. Jones of Balliol-College, that translated Oppian into English:—

N. wth open mouth demands a stray,
C. looks wisely, and will nothing say.
N. remonstrates, C—r's wondrous shy:
N. then points, but C. won't reply.
O! endless Question, should it last so long
Till C. speaks, or N. holds his Tongue.

Nov. 17 (Tu.). Last Week dy'd Sir Robert Rich, of Sunning, near Reading in Berks., Bart, and is succeeded by his Son and Heir, Sir William. His Grandfather was Sir Thomas Rich, who was a Benefactor to the Town of Reading.

Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. told me last night that Mr. Ward (whom he knows) of Longbridge is skill'd in Latin, but not in Greek.

Nov. 18 (Wed.). I had not seen the late Oxford Address 'till Sunday last, tho' I had heard much of it as a poor, pitifull, cringing Thing. And then I found it to be so, even worse than I had thought it. And I am told from all hands that Whistler, the silly yeoman Beadle that went up with the Vice-Chancellour, &c., had much more respect shew'd him than any besides, notwithstanding he be a very silly Fellow, wch was done by way of sneer, as Dr. Bradshaw drew the Vice-Chanc., &c., in to address, on purpose also to sneer them. I saw the Address printed in the Post Boy.

Nov. 19 (Th.). There is just published in 8vo, Price 1s., Memoirs of the Life of the late Reverend Increase Mather, D.D., Who died August 23, 1723, With a Preface by the Reverend Edmund Calamy, D.D. Who writ the Life I know not. This Dr. Mather, who was diplomated Dr. of Div. by Harward-College, at Cambridge in New England, Anno 1692, was a learned dissenter, and much respected in that Country & elsewhere. He writ and published a great many Books, a List of which is at the End of this Life, among which is, *A Sermon on the Execution of a Man for Murder*. In reference to which the Author of the Life writes thus: *This was afterwards printed a second time in* London, *at the end of a Book entituled* Dying Penitents, *which occasion'd the Author of the* Athenæ Oxonienses *to mention Dr.* Mather *as the Author of that Book, but it was a Mistake.* There are 84 Things there of his writing and publishing, but without telling when or where they were printed. Besides which, the Author notes that he put Prefaces to several Books written by Divines in New-England, and to two of Mr. Flavel's Books printed at London.

Nov. 20 (Fri.). Mr. Bromwich, V. Princ. of St. Mary-Hall, was carried out of Oxford on Sunday, in the Afternoon, and buried that Evening at Bessilslegh.

On Wednesday last, in the Morning, died old Mrs. Masters, a Widow Woman that lived near Hart Hall in St. Peter's Parish in the East,

Oxford, and was Mother of that young Woman whose death I mentioned a few years since.

On Tuesday Night last died suddenly Mr. Barret, a Joyner, an honest, good Workman, of about 40 Years of Age, of St. Mary's parsh, Oxon.

Yesterday died suddenly old Mr. Martin, a Hatter of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon.

Nov. 21 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at four Clock, Mrs. Masters was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East.

Among other Books that have been publish'd against Dr. Burnet's lying, posthumous History, there is one newly come out by Mr. Higgins, a very smart, rational Piece, in 8vo, in wch he does not at all spare that stinking Doctor, but takes him in pieces, & sufficiently exposes him for his Lying & Immorality, & hath taken occasion to publish his abominable Piece about Polygamy (which I have in MS.), but omits another Discourse (wch I have also in MS.) about Divorce, because of the unchast Expressions in it, such as might offend the Readers of the fair Sex.

Nov. 22 (Sun.). On Monday Night, the 16th inst., died Joseph Girdler, sen., Esq., Serjeant at Law, formerly Member of Parliament for Tamworth. He was Father to my Friend, Dr. Thomas Girdler, whose elder Brother is also a Serjeant at Law.

Old Martin was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East last night.

Yesterday, about 2 Clock in the Afternoon, died of the Gout in the Head, at his Lodgings, where formerly stood St. Mary College, in Oxford, Sir Wm Gifford, aged about 75, formerly one of the Governours of Greenwich Hospital, but turned out upon the Duke of Brunswick's coming to the Crown. His Wife hath been dead 2 or 3 Years.

Nov. 23 (Mon.). Talking last Night with Mr. Taylour of University Coll., he told me that his Couzin, Dr. Charlett, often told him that he had burnt Dr. Pocock's Papers, for wch the Dr. often express'd sorrow, but he said he could not help it, having been injoyn'd to do so. But I have often heard that they were put into the Dr.'s hands, at least left to him as he was Executor, on purpose that he should make extracts from them relating to Dr. Pocock's Life (wch Dr. Charlett undertook to write), before he pretended to imbezzle or destroy them.

Nov. 24 (Tu.). Yesterday Dr. Frewin shew'd me an old English MS. in Verse, that he had borrowed of Mr. Sheldon of Weston, containing the Lives of the Saints. 'Tis in folio, but very imperfect, otherwise a fine one, I think the best and oldest I have seen, being written (as I take it) in Edward IIId's time. I am apt to think Robert of Brunne was Author of it.

Nov. 25 (Wed.). Yesterday, at four Clock in the Afternoon, was buried in St. Michael's Church, Oxon., Sir William Gifford, by his Wife. This Sir William bore but an ill Character among the Generality of people, tho' I have heard some speak honourably of him, as if he were a very honest Man.

Nov. 26 (Th.). Yesterday Mr. West of Balliol College told me that he was last Week at Wilcot, within 3 Miles of Witney and one of Stunsfield, & that, as he was inform'd, there were lately found there some Roman Coyns, & some other Roman Antiquity, which is not improbable, the Akeman Street going by Wilcot. Yet Mr. West was shew'd none of this Discovery.

Nov. 27 (Fri.). I hear Mr. Jebb hath put out Proposals for printing a Collection of Things, in two Volumes in Folio, relating to Mary, Queen of Scots, but I am told they are only such as have been printed already, and that he even takes in Buchanan's Slanders also.

Nov. 28 (Sat.). Yesterday came a Messenger express from Winchester to Oxford, with the News of the Death of Dr. John Cobb, Warden of Winchester, and formerly Warden of New-College, who, it seems, died of a very violent Feaver, and last Night, about five clock, New Coll. great Bell rung out upon the occasion. This Dr. Cobb was a Man of no Learning. He took the Degree of Bach. of Civ. Law, Apr. 20, 1705, and that of Dr. of Civ. L., July 3, 1712, and was about 44 Years of age now when he died.

Nov. 29 (Sun.). About a Fortnight since died James Pownd, M.B. (commonly call'd Dr. Pownd), Rector of Wansted in Essex. He was a very ingenious Man, and a great Mathematician. He was of Gloucester-Hall (now Worcester-Coll.) in Oxford, as a Member of which he took the Degree of M.A., June 9, 1694, and that of Bach. of Phys. on Oct. 21, 1697. He afterwards travelled, & lost much in the West-Indies. Upon his Return, he was preferr'd to two Livings (for he had another besides Wansted), and had been Savilian Professor of Astronomy upon the death of Dr. John Keil, had that post been tenable with his other Preferment: which being not so, his Nephew, Mr. Bradley of Balliol College, was made Professor.

Yesterday Mr. Haslam of Christ-Church told me he gave lately for Spelman's Glossary, of the second Ed., for another Gentleman, three Guineas and an half, being (as Mr. Haslam said) a very fair Book, of the large Paper. I told him I bought one (of the small Paper, indeed, but a very clean Book) lately for a Guinea, being of the 3d, which is the best, Edition, which is worth now fifty Shillings, or rather, 2 Guineas and an half, a Bookseller lately giving five and fourty shillings for one, at a Sale of Books, to another Bookseller in Oxford.

Mr. West, of whom I had Pitseus, as I have noted above, p. 106, paid for a Copy thereof for himself, in Mr. Rawlinson's Auction in London, two Guineas and half a Crown & 2d., tho' his Copy is not better than mine, and yet it was not look'd upon as dear.

Nov. 30 (Mon., St. Andrew). About a fortnight since died in London the Rev. Mr. Leak, a Non-juring Clergyman of good note, Father to my Friend, Mr. John Leak, formerly of Hart-Hall, but took no degree, tho' he hath lived the greatest part of his time ever since in Oxford, being a Non-Juror and a right honest Man.

Dec. 1 (Tu.). On Thursday last[1], at Night (as I am told it is in the Prints), died of the Stone my very worthy Friend, the Reverend and Learned Mr. Hilkiah Bedford, M.A., and formerly Fellow of St. John's-College in Cambridge. This great, good Man died one of the firm and steddy Confessors of the Church of England. He was Author and Translator of many learned Books, two of which deserve a particular mention, viz. his Vindication of the Church of England, in Defence of the Clause in the 20th Article about Ceremonies, against Mr. Collins's vile Pamphlet call'd *Priestcraft in Perfection*, and his Book call'd *Hereditary Right*, printed in Folio in Q. Anne's time, wch made a great Noise, & Mr. Bedford was imprisoned three Years for it, & fined high, but his Fine was at last, with much difficulty, remitted. His Name is not put to any of his Books that I know of. Dr. Hickes left him his own Books, & a Legacy in Money, desiring that Mr. Bedford might write his Life, which accordingly he undertook, but I know not whether he finished it. The two last Things Mr. Bedford published were, Dr. John Barwick's Life, writ in Latin by his Brother, Dr. Peter Barwick. This Mr. Bedford put out in Latin. After wch, this very Year, he put out the same Life, translated by Mr. Bedford himself, in English, with many Notes and Illustrations, wanting in the Latin Book.

Dec. 2 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Wilmot, the Bookseller, told me that, whereas he sold Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More, that I published, for two Guineas, it was two Guineas too cheap, since he could now have four Guineas for it, and he offered me three Guineas for one, if I could help him to it, which I could not.

One Henry James of Stanton St. John's, formerly a Taylor in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, an hearty, lusty, poor man, is now four score and three Years old, & is a great walker; as is also one Mrs. Blay, who next January is three score and nineteen years of age, that formerly lived at Littlemore, where she was born, but now lives, and hath done so for many Years, a widow woman in St. Ebb's parish in Oxford, and carries on the weaving Trade, her Husband, who hath been dead a good many Years, being a Weaver. She is a Woman of a good understanding and memory, and will talk well about the Scriptures.

This Morning died the Widow Allen, that kept a victualling House at the Ship in Ship Lane, the true Name of which Lane is Somer Lane. She died of a Cancer in her Breast.

Dec. 3 (Th.). On Sept. 7 last, among other Things, I recd from

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Dec. 1, 1724. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 122). Sends list of subscriptions received for Robert of Gloucester and Langtoft. 'I shall be glad to hear how you go on wth *Langtoft*, and especially the Glossary on him, that on *R. Glou'ster* having got you great reputation, & in particular pleases Ld Pembroke.' The draught of Cæsar's Camp is now in his possession: will send it, if of use to H. 100 copies of the catalogue of his brother's books are now printed: will try to let H. have one.

Dec. 3, [1724]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 75). The Arminian Nunnery

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[1] It was Wednesday Night. See below, p. 136.

Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., a MS. Fragment in Vellum, in little Folio, beginning, *Incipit concordia Epistolarum Sancti Pauli apostoli. De unitate ecclesiæ, &c.* In an old hand, about the time of K. E. III. In 4 pages, but the last page is in a more late hand, abt the time of K. E. IV, & relates to the Subject of the books of the old Testament. He also lent me then:—

Fragmentum quoddam vet., circa tempus E. 3, de varijs partibus scripturæ, quibus recte quis uti potest, quibusdam exigentibus necessitatibus; in quo fragmento etiam continetur manu recentiori, regno, ut videtur, Henrici VIti, Epitome Veteris Testamenti carmine, 3bus paginis. This Fragment of little or no moment.

Libellus dispensacionum. In vellum, little folio. The Author, *Jo. de Deo*, Yspano. Addressed to the Scholars at Bononia. In the time of Innocent IVth. The said Jo. de Deo, at the end of this Piece (wch consists of fourteen leaves), mentions several other Tracts in the Canon Law wch he had written, viz. (1) Breviarium super toto corpore Decretorum. (2) Casus Decretalium cum canonibus concordati. (3) Distinctiones super toto jure canonico. (4) Libellus judicij, quo docentur judices actores queri & advocati. (5) Notabilia solvencia communia juris, cum summis super titulis Decretalium, & cum epistolis canonicis de decimis persolvendis. (6) Qomica nēdica[1] à tempore Petri usque ad tempus Innocentij IV, cum canonibus concordata, in qua eciam continetur, qualiter ecclesia supercurrerit inter turbines & procellas. (7) Arbor versificata cum canonibus concordata. (8) Apparatus super toto corpore Decretorum. (9) Summa super iiii casus Decretorum, in quibus Ugo Ferrariensis defecit stilo suo simili & ampliori, cum ystorijs & construccionibus & casibus universis, in quibus libris multa tractavi (inquit auctor) tam de jure quam de sacramentis ecclesiæ.

Eight leaves in vellum, written about the time of K. H. III, being the beginning of an Exposition in Latin upon St. Matthew, with the Words of the Text at large.

Two leaves in 4to, in vellum, written, as I guess, in the Reign of K. Rich. II, containing these old Fragments, viz. (1) a piece of an old Homily in old English about Charity, where the word *skyles & skilles* occurrs for *reasons*. For this is the beginning of it: 'And for we speke of charite & loue of god & oure breþere, ic segge þou most loue god more þan alle þyng, 3e more þan þy self, & þat for iiij skyles. Þe firste is for þou nadest neuere ibe, 3if he ne were. Þe ij is þat for loue of þe he made alle werkes þat he euere made. Þe iij is for þo þou were forlore þorou adams synne, he dyede on þe rede tre to bugge þe. Þe iiij is þat 3if þou haue sengeg, he þe witeþ fro þe fynd by his power to whom þou

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was safely returned. Death of Mr. Bedford. [See Diary, Dec. 7.] Dr. Waterland can give the best account of the MS. of Robert of Gloucester. The Life of St. Winifred is doubtless a great rarity: does not remember having seen it among the Bishop of Ely's books.

Dec. 3, 1724. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 53). [Printed in *Letters from the Bodleian*, ii. 70. See also Diary, Dec. 5.]

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[1] Sic.

hast þe bytake, & is redy to vnderfonge þe to mercy, ȝif þou wolt come to mendement, & ȝet he haþ ygreyþed to þe ioye wiþ outen ende þat euere schal laste, ȝif þow wolt it deserue. & þerfore skil wele þat þow loue hym so myche þat raþer þou schuldest ȝeue þy body to brenne þan any þyng do aȝenst his wille, where þorow þat he enes were wroþ wiþ þe. ȝet þou most loue þi self most, & þat in þis twey maners, & eyþer maner for twey skilles'. (2) A Fragment in Latin relating to our Saviour's Resurrection, of no great account. (3) An old English Fragment of an Homilie about Confession and Penance, in two Pages. In w^ch Fragment is mention made of *þe churche hey* for *the Church yard*: 'For þou þenche aryȝt þou syxt mo children yburd aȝere in þe churche hey þan olde men.' In this Fragment is also the Apostles' Creed brought in thus.

[Extract omitted.]

At the same time I rec^d the loan of a fair MS. in Vellum, in 4^to, in the French Tongue, written, as I guess, in the time of K. Hen. IV, being Aristotelis secreta secretorum. For thus at the beginning.

[Extract omitted.]

This Book belong'd formerly, in the time (as I take it) of Hen. VIII, to John Straunge, Senior, of Cirencester. For thus at the End of it: 'Johannes Straunge, de Cirenc' in Comitatu Glouc', Senior, gent', est hujus libri possessor.'

Dec. 4 (Fri.). Tho' K. Charles II was very amorous, and much addicted to Women (which was his chief failing, and appeared most of all after his Restauration), yet he was not guilty of swearing, but on the contrary would reprove such as us'd it, an instance of w^ch M^r. Blount, in p. 25 of the ii^d Part of his Boscobel, gives us, when the King was in his disguise at Hampshire, at Hambledon, at the House of M^r. Symons, who entertain'd his Majesty, who then went under the Name of Will. Jackson, when, it seems, M^r. Symons letting fall an oath by chance, the King (whom M^r. Symons did not know to be such) took occasion modestly to reprove him.

Dec. 5 (Sat.). Sam^l Gale, Esq., writes me word, in a Letter dated from London the 3^d inst., that he hath lately & accidentally purchas'd an antient, but fine, Picture of the Beautiful Rosamond. 'Tis painted on a Pannel of Wainscott, and represents Her in a three quarter proportion, dress'd in the Habit of the Times, a streight Body'd Gown of changeable red Velvet, with large square Sleeves of Black flowr'd Damask Faceings, turn'd up above the Bend of her Arms, & close sleeves of a pearl colour'd Sattin, puff'd out, but button'd at the Rist, appearing from under the large ones; she has several Rings sett with pretious Stones on her Fingers, Her Breast cover'd with a fine Flower'd Linnen, gather'd close at the Neck, like a Ruff. Her face is charmingly Fair, with a fine Blush in her Cheeks, Her Hair of a Dark Brown, parted with a Seam from the middle of her Forhead upwards under her Coifure, which is very plain, but a Gold Lace appears above it, & that[1] cover'd with a small cap of Black Silk. She is looking very intently upon the fatal Cup, which she

[1] [MS. '& & that.']

holds in one hand, & the Cover in the other, as going to drink it. Before her is a table cover'd with black Damask, on which there lies a Prayer Book open, writt in the antient black Caracter. The whole peice is extreamly well preserv'd. Mr. Gale takes it to have been done about Harry the 7th's time.

Dec. 6 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Sat., Dec. 5, 1724 :—

On Saturday Morning died, at his House in Thrift-street, near Soho-Square, the Rt Hon. Robert Marsham, Lord Rumney, so created in the 2d Year of his present Majesty's Reign. He marry'd Elizabeth, Daughter to the late Sir Cloudesly Shovel, Kt, by whom he left Issue, now living, one Son, a Minor, who succeeds him in his Honour & Estate, and two Daughters.

Joseph Girdler, Esq., Sergeant at Law, is unanimously chosen Recorder of Tamworth, in the Room of his Father, deceased.

On Saturday last Dr. Lancelot Blackburn was confirm'd Archbishop of York in St. James's Church, Westminster. On Monday his Grace took the Oaths, and his Seat in the House of Peers.

This Morning, about one of the Clock, died (aged about seventy six) Mr. Henry White, Mercer and Alderman of the City of Oxford, leaving the Character behind him of a very honest, faithfull, just, and charitable Man. He was born at Cogges, near Witney in Oxfordshire, and hath been married about fourty six Years. His Wife is still living. He had a son that hath been dead several Years. He hath left three Daughters, two of wch are married, but the 3d is unmarried. He had a younger Brother, M.A. and Fellow of Balliol College, who was named John White, & took the said Degree on Oct. 15, 1674, and might afterwards have been Master of Balliol Coll., being an honest, upright Man, but he was modest, & declined it, tho' urged to it. He hath been dead several Years [1].

Dec. 7 (Mon.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge writes me word, in a Letter of the 3d inst., that Mr. Bedford died Nov. 25th last, about ten at Night, of the Stone. He had been prob'd twice, & no Stone could be discovered, but, after his death, his Body being open'd, a Stone was found and taken out, larger than a Hen's egg. By his Will, he has left his wife & eldest Son Executors, who may be apply'd to concerning any business I had with him, his concerns being wholy in their hands. He was buried on Sunday, Nov. 29, in St. Margaret's, Westminster, the Pall being held up by six Friends of his own Principle, & the office read by another.

Mr. Thomas Kimber, of Holywell in the North Suburbs of Oxford, told me this Afternoon that Huckle, the Butcher of Cowley in K. Henry VIIIth's time, bought Holywell Estate, the Estate of the Cowleys, another at Wotton, near Abbington in Berks., and, I think, something else, for three hundred and fifty Pounds, wch, if they were to be sold now, would be all worth at least thirty thousand Pounds.

Dec. 8 (Tu.). Last Week died the old Widow Bartlett, that kept one of the Oxford Waggons that go weekly to London, in the Lane or Street

[1] See below, p. 141.

that goes from Bocardo to New Inn Hall, wch Lane was formerly call'd Shoe Lane. She was about fourscore & eight Years of age, yet very hearty.

Dec. 9 (Wed.). Dr. John Freind, as he hath already published many Books, and he is a good Writer both in Latin and English, so he designs many more. There is one of his in English just come out in 8vo, being The History of Physick from the Age of Galen to these times, by way of Letter to Dr. Mead, but 'tis only the first Part of the Work that is now come out, one or more Parts being, it seems, to follow.

Mr. Rob. Welsted, formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon., and now, as I am told, a Practitioner of Physick in London (the same that assisted Mr. West of that College in the Oxford Ed. of Pindar), not long agoe writ and published an 8vo Book in Latin, *de ætate vergente*, and just now he hath printed a iid Part of the same, in 8vo also, *de ætate adulta*.

Dec. 10 (Th.). Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me last Night that Mr. Denison and his Party (with shame, be it spoke) are now endeavouring to make St. Mary-Hall to be Great-University Hall, and that they have got out of the School Tower the *Liber Epistolarum Universitatis Oxon.*, and pretend that there is something in that Book, where there are these words, *Mag. Aul. vulgo vocat' Bedell Hall.* Now, tho' Bedell Hall be where St. Mary Hall is, being swallowed up in it, yet it proves just nothing, unless they could make it appear that *Aula Magna Universitatis* was really in that place. But what the words of the book really are, I know not. Bedell Hall, however, being bigger than St. Mary Hall, might be call'd *Aul. Magna*, tho' I can say nothing, unless I could learn the very words of the letter, which, notwithstanding, can make nothing for Denison & his party, tho' I find he was directed to the place by old Mr. Wm Smith, formerly Fellow of Univ. Coll., who hath dabbled much in these Things, but being a very muddy headed man, he can make nothing he undertakes clear.

Mr. Taylour told me, at the same time, that John Pricket (formerly Butler of Univ. Coll.) told him very lately at Brill (where Pricket now lives) that he, the said Pricket, is 87 Years old, & that he curses Denison as a most ungratefull, abominable Wretch. This Pricket is one of those that contriv'd to supplant Mr. Usher, & to bring in Denison Fellow of Univ. Coll., but he seems sorry now, and so, it seems, does Humph. Wanley, as Mr. Taylour (who saw him lately) told me, who was another of the Agents to bring in Denison.

Dec. 9, [1724]. E. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 118). 'These are to aquaint you that I am in Seruice now with one Tho. Player, Esq., att Mangotsfield, in ye County of Glocester, within four miles of Bristoll, being a uery honest Gentleman Reported by all that know him. He is a Barister att Law, and, I think, had his Education att Oxford first. I had a Letter from my Mother-in-law since I haue been hear, wherein she told me of Stephen Edwards' Death. I saw him att Cozin Charles Weldon's ye Day before I came hither. He was uery ill then, and weak. I acompanied him to his own house. I would beg of you to lett mee hear from you now and then.'

This day, in the forenoon, Dr. [John] Dobson, Warden of New College, was unanimously elected Warden of Winchester College, in the room of Dr. Cobb, deceased.

Dec. 11 (Fri.). Yesterday, between 3 and 4 Clock in the Afternoon, was buried Alderman White, in St. Marie's Church, Oxford, of wch he was Parishioner. And whereas 'tis said above, p. 135, that he was born at Cogges, I have heard he was born in Oxford, of which place his Father was Mayor, & is buried also in St. Marie's Church. His said Father was Sir Sampson White, who was knighted at the Coronation of K. Charles IId, after his Majestie's Restauration, as I have heard. The Alderman hath left behind him, besides the three Daughters above mentioned, a Son (& 'tis his only one living), Fellow of Merton-College. The Alderman's Widow is Sister to the late Wm Wright, Esq., Recorder of Oxford.

This Morning (between ten and eleven of the Clock) I walk'd to Gosworth, by Kidlington, dined, as I came back, at Rump-Hall, and, between three and four in the Afternoon, I call'd upon Mr. Rance, Senior, of Holywell, who hath been ill a good while, & confin'd. His Daughter Sidney was in Tears, told me he was very ill above stairs (being not able to come down, tho' the last time I saw him, wch was Monday last, he was below upon his Couch), and that he had Company with him. I ask'd who. She said a Lawyer, & that he was then making his Will. So I did not see him.

Dec. 12 (Sat.). Magliabecchi, the late Duke of Tuscany's Librarian, was a very strange Man. Nobody had such a Memory for books. He was a common Repertory. If any wanted to know what books were writ upon any Subject, he could tell immediately. He wore no Shirt, and lived upon pudding and hard Eggs. In the latter part of his Life he lived altogether in the Library. He was never but once out of Town, & that was but ten Miles off. So I have heard Mr. Cockman & his Brother, the Physician, Dr. John Cockman, who have been at Florence, say. Magliabecchi, however (notwithstanding the Severity of his Life), was a mighty complaisant, civil, obliging Man. A Medal was struck to him [1].

Dec. 13 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal (Num. 320) for Dec. 12, 1724:—

On Monday, between Four and Five in the Afternoon, her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was delivered of a Princess; there being present in the Room his Royal Highness, the Dutchesses of Dorset and Richmond, with many other Ladies of her Royal Highnesse's Bed-Chamber; together with Mrs. Crane, the Midwife, and Dr. Chamberlaine. The Earl of Essex, being in waiting, was dispatched to St. James's, to acquaint his Majesty with the News, and his Majesty immediately sent the Lord of the Bed-Chamber in waiting to Leicester-House, with his Compliments to their Royal Highnesses upon the Occasion.

Dec. 13, 1724. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 27). Account of a copy of the Bishops' Bible, reprinted 1572, in his possession. [See Diary, June 28, 1725.]

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[1] NB. Since the writing this, my Friend, the Honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., hath given me the Medal.

Dec. 14 (Mon.). Mr. Daubuz, a Cambridge Gentleman, afterwards a Minister in the Country, who hath been dead some time, writ and published a Book in Latin (8vo) about the Passage in Josephus relating to our Saviour, wch shews him to have been a very good Scholar, as, indeed, he was reckoned, tho' at the same time he was look'd upon as whimsical, wch sufficiently appear'd afterwards, when he writ and published a large Book upon the Revelations, by which he obtained the Character of a Madman.

Dec. 15 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Nicols, Gunsmith of St. Marie's Parish, was elected Alderman, without opposition, of the City of Oxford, in the room of Alderman White, deceased, and Mr. Vicars, a Mercer, was elected one of the 13 common Council Men. The said Mr. Nicols is Son of the late old Mrs. Nicols, & Brother to the Wife of Mr. Francis Harding, the Cook, who are both dead, as I have signify'd in their proper places. The Mayor of Oxford, Mr. Appleby, was brought out with Mr. Nicols, but declined any opposition of Mr. Nicols. The said Mr. Nicols's Father formerly sold Ale at the Half Moon, an Ale House lately pull'd down, on the West side of Logick Lane, just where the Master of Univers. College's Lodgings (as they are now) are built, and 'twas pull'd down on purpose for those Lodgings. This Ale House was on the East side of the old Lodgings, and 'twas in this very place (as, I am told, appears from all old Writings) where this Ale House stood, that Little University Hall stood, that was built by K. Alfred.

Dec. 16 (Wed.). Yesterday was presented in Congregation, as a Grand-Compounder, Mr. Charles Lyddel of Christ Church, Gent. Com., to the Degree of Bach. of Civil-Law. This young Gentleman (who is in Orders, and hath a good Living) hath deservedly the Character of a Person of singular good nature, & he is, withall, of good Sense and Understanding.

Dec. 18 (Fri.[1]). In the Year 1660 was printed in 12°, at Lond., Cromwell's Bloody Slaughter-house: or, his damnable Designes, laid and practised by him and his Negros, in contriving the Murther of his Sacred Majesty King Charles, discovered. By a Person of Honour. With Cromwell's Picture at the Beginning, offering up the Royal Crown to the Scaffold, on wch Scaffold is the Executioner in a Vizard, with

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Dec. 17, 1724. H. to Rev. [Francis] Causton [Coston] (Draft, Diaries, 115. 162°. Copy, Diaries, 105. 147). Has F. C. any notes relating to the Abbey of Thame, the Hackney Way, or Haddenham, among his papers on antiquities?

[Dec. 17, 1724 ?] H. to Rev. [Dr. Daniel Waterland] (Draft, Diaries, 115. 162°). 'I had not ventured to write to you, had it not been upon account of Rob. of Glouc. I have been told you have luckily found out the MS. of him that belongs to Trin. Coll. in your Univ. When I published this Author lately, this MS. could not be met with, for wch reason I was not able to take notice of any other passage than that in Mr. Langhorne, who had it from Mr. Whelock. If there be any thing material to our History not already publish'd in this MS., if it be communicated, I shall be glad to take an opportunity of turning it to the publick service.'

[1] [MS. 'Saturday.']

H. P. over his Head, signifying that Hugh Peters was the dignified Person that beheaded the King, and the same is also asserted in p. 33 of the book, where 'tis said,—*through that power and influence, which, by their lyes, sorceries, and hypocrisies, they, with the help of that mungrel Minister, that military Priest, that modern* Simon Magus, *that disguised Executioner, that bloody Butcher of the King,* H— P—, *they have gained upon the Common Souldiery.* I purchased this Book lately, and tho' it be but a very small Thing, yet I value it at least a Crown. I know not who was the Author. This Loyal Treatise (as is insinuated in the Stationer's Preface to the Reader) was pen'd many years before it was printed, and sent over from the Hague to be Printed here, for his Majestie's service; but the printing of it was hindered upon this occasion. The Printer, to whose care it was commended, fell into some trouble for some Acts of Loyalty which were then call'd Treason; such as were the Printing K. Charles I^st's^ incomparable Book, entituled, ΕΙΚΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ, in English, Latin, French, and Italian; *Salmasij Defensio Regia: Elenchus Motuum nuperorum in Anglia,* by D^r.^ Bates; and some other things of the like nature. He was committed to Newgate, his Press and other Materials seized upon and carryed away by Hunscott, his Wife and Children turned out of doors, and threatned to be tried by an high Court of In-justice. This was the reason of letting this Tract lye dormant 'till better times.

Dec. 19 (Sat.). About a Fortnight or three Weeks since, died in London M^rs.^ Wheatly, Wife of M^r.^ Charles Wheatly, M.A. and late Fellow of S^t.^ John's College, Oxon., and now a Minister in London, the same that writ upon the Common-Prayer. She was the only Daughter (and, indeed, the only Child then living) of M^r.^ Findall, of S^t.^ Gyles's, Oxon., one of the Theater Printers. She was a Woman wellbred, and of a very good Character for Piety and Virtue, and was at least fourty Years of Age.

This day I accidentally saw M^r.^ Wise, of Drayton, near Dorchester in Oxfordshire. He was in Oxford, & is Brother to M^r.^ Wise, a Mercer, one of the Aldermen of Oxford. He told me that he is two days older than the Alderman (they being, as it seems, twins), that he is sixty seven or sixty eight Years old, that he hath an Estate of Free land of about an hundred libs. per an. at Drayton, and that both he and his Brother, the Alderman, were born at Drayton.

He told me that a Yard land about Drayton is look'd upon to be twenty Acres, provided it be good land, such as free land, but other land, such as copy hold or barren ground, twenty seven Acres of it ought to go to a Yard Land.

Where I saw him in Oxford, which was at one Field's, a Victualler, came in a comely young Woman, who also lives at Drayton. He said, after she was gone (for she did but just come in, on purpose to ask him a question), that her Name was Parsons, and that she was Widow to M^r.^ Parsons who was lately drown'd at Shillingford-Ferry, as he was riding one night from Wallingford, w^ch^ M^r.^ Parsons was of Magd. College, Oxford, a comely young Man, but idle, being too much indulg'd by his Mother, who, I remember, liv'd in Oxford, in S^t.^ Peter's Parish in the East. This M^rs.^ Parsons, M^r.^ Wise told me, hath a competent Main-

tenance, partly from her late Husband, & partly from some other Means in and near Drayton.

Mr. Wilmot, of Oxford, Bookseller, told me this Afternoon that he sold Dr. Waterland, of Cambridge, when he was lately in Oxford, my Ed. of the *Acta Apostolorum* for two Guineas, whereas the Price was only ten Shillings when it first came out, & that he sold to the same Doctor, at the same time, Du Fresne's Greek Glossary for thirty five Shillings.

Mr. Wise of Drayton, abovemention'd, married to his Wife, who is still living also, Mrs. Elizabeth Basset, Daughter of Mr. Richard Basset, of Wooley Green, near Maidenhead in Berks. I knew her when she was young, & a great Girl, she coming then to School to my Father, to learn to write. She was very frolicksome. Her Father is still living, being above an hundred Years old. He lately married another wife, a young Woman that was his Maidservant.

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Dec. 20 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal, Sat., Dec. 19, 1724, Num. 321:—

Last Monday was finish'd the Steeple of the new Church of St. Martin's in the Fields, when the Vane, and other Ornaments of Copper gilt, were put upon it. The Steeple is 215 Foot high, being a most beautiful Design, and an exquisite Piece of Workmanship; and the Church and Steeple are look'd upon to be the handsomest in England.

On Monday Evening dy'd the Lady of Georges Bowes, of the Bishoprick of Durham, Esq., a Gentleman of a very great Estate, to whom she was marry'd in October last. She was but of 15 Years of Age, but of great Accomplishments, and her Death is much regretted.

This Day is published, The most Noble Duty of a Publick Spirit. A Sermon preached at the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, on the 19th of July, 1724, at the Assizes. By Elisha Smith, M.A., Rector of Tid St. Giles in the Isle of Ely. Published at the earnest Request of the High Sheriff, &c. Printed for T. Longman, at the Ship in Pater-Noster Row; sold by J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane. Where may be had his Assize Sermon at Lincoln, March 8, 1724.

The said Mr. Elisha Smith was of Pembroke Coll., Oxon., as a Member of wch he proceeded M.A., July 5, 1705.

On the 8th Instant the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Exeter, pursuant to his Majesty's Conge d'Elire, chose the Reverend Dr. Stephen Weston Bishop of that See, which became vacant by the Translation of the most Reverend Father in God, Dr. Lancelot Blackburn, to the See of York.

The said Dr. Weston was Fellow of King's College in Cambridge, 2d School-Master of Eaton, and afterwards Rector of Maple-durham in Oxfordshire. He proceeded B. and D. of Div., as a Grand-Compounder and Member of New-Coll., Oxon., Dec. 10, 1711.

Dec. 21 (Mon.). Last Night Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. told me that

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Dec. 21, 1724. H. to T. Ward (Diaries, 106. 3). Has returned T. W.'s

he hath got the MS. of Epistles that belongs to the School Tower, Dr. Gardiner having lent it him. He said there is nothing in it for Denison, tho' there be a Place about the Union of Bedle and St. Mary Hall, in wch Place Bedle Hall is call'd Aul. Magn.

He said a poor Clergyman in Derbyshire hath got a MS. of New Coll. Statutes, being one of the three that the Founder left them; that it appears that it belong'd to the Treasury; that Mr. Cavendish Nevile, who is a Minister in Derbyshire, and Fellow of Univ. Coll., brought it some time agoe to Oxford, lent it the Fellows of New-Coll., & proposed it to them whether they would redeem it by giving the Clergyman eight or ten Guineas for it. This they declin'd, & said the Book was theirs, and they would keep it, but would not give any Money for it. Hereupon, Mr. Nevile, after much difficulty, got it again, & restored it to the Clergyman.

Yesterday died of a Pleurisy Mr. Martin Powell, of Cat Street, Oxford, Apothecary, a sober, virtuous young Man, who succeeded his Brother in that Business, who died some time ago.

Dec. 23 (Wed.). Anno 1710 was printed at Lond., in 8vo, The Life and Character of that Eminent and Learned Prelate, the late Dr. Edw. Stillingfleet, Lord Bishop of Worcester. Together with some Account of the Works he has publish'd. 'Tis also prefix'd to his Works publish'd in 6 Vols., fol. The Author was said to be Dr. Tim. Goodwyn, now an Irish Bishop, but Chaplain to Bp Stillingfleet when he died, and, after his Death, Archdeacon of Oxford. If Dr. Goodwyn were Author, he speaks well of himself, he being called in it the worthy Dr. Goodwyn. This Life, for the most part, runs upon the Bp's Works of Learning, without insisting much upon other Circumstances. He does not speak much of the Bp's Controversy with Mr. Lock, who was generally look'd upon to have had much the Advantage of the Bp in that Point. Nor does he but just mention the Bp's Tract about the Unreasonableness of a new Separation upon Account of the Oaths, in wch Tract the Bp amasses Instances for taking Oaths, & dwells upon the Mischiefs to a Nation from a Refusal, not considering that Instances do not prove right, and that we must not do ill that good may come of it. His running down much of our old History in his *Origines Britannicæ* proceeds upon indifferent Grounds. The Monks were indifferent Chronologers, therefore Chronological Niceties must not be exspected from them. Besides, a great deal

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Festival and other MSS. Will make public acknowledgement in Langtoft. Does not remember the meaning of the ciphers in the Bishops' Bible. ''Tis probable that at the beginning of the Reformation many Cuts in sacred Books might be taken from Church Windows & from old MSS., but afterwards less Regard was had to those venerable Remains, particularly after K. Edw. VI & Q. Eliz. ordered such Numbers of them to be destroy'd as superstitious Foppery.' Note on *sedes stercoraria*.

Dec. 22, 1724. H. to T. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 106. 6. Original, Rawl. 34. 105). Is there any mention in T. R.'s copy of 'The lyf of the holy & blessid vyrgyn saynt Wenefryde,' printed by Caxton, of the language from which it was translated? Is Robert, Prior of Shrewsbury, who wrote the story of St. Winifred, mentioned in it?

of our most early History depended much upon Tradition. The Matters of Fact might be true, tho' by Traditions made a little inconsistent. The Bp's Library of printed Books was good and large, & 'tis much esteem'd in Ireland whither 'twas carried, it having been purchas'd by Dr. Narcissus Marsh. But his MSS. were not of that great value, most of the Historical Pieces in them being Transcripts, not Originals. The Bp was a Man of great Reading, but less Judgment, nor does he write so clear as some have characteriz'd him, particularly the Author of his Life. His Speech about the Visitation of Exeter Coll. hath done Mischief. By making Visitors of Colleges the ultimate Judges, he leaves it to a Visitor to act arbitrarily, as the Visitor of Oriel Coll. did lately. Mr. Wright, the Recorder of Oxford, said well, when this Speech first appear'd, he was afraid it would some time or other turn to the prejudice of the Universities. Had K. James (said he) staid & made Popish Bps, such of those Bps as were Visitors of any Colleges might, by the Power allow'd them, by this Speech (wch is the Foundation of the Authority of deciding matters of Colleges allow'd ever since 'twas spoke) bring in Popery into Colleges, by fixing upon such Fellows as they thought fit. 'Twas but having Heads to their Mind in Colleges, & the Fellows might be managed with ease by the Heads' pretending to a Negative, or by making Devolutions to the Visitors.

Dec. 24 (Th.). On Sunday last died one Mr. Alsop, of St. Gyles's in Oxford, and was yesterday buried, by[1] his Wife, in the Church of Kidlington, near Woodstock. He was upwards of eighty Years of Age, & died of the Gout. He was one of the King's Purveyors, as I am told.

Mr. Drake of Cambridge, who several Years since published Proposals for a new Edition of *Antiquitates Ecclesiæ Brit.*, commonly ascribed to Archbp Parker, hath just published a Latin Sermon about the *Unknown God*, preached at Cambridge, which he hath dedicated to Dr. White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough, whom he flatters and makes to be an apostolical Man, whereas Kennett is known well enough to be a Man of no Principles, but to have acted most basely. It seems, Kennett is his great Assistant in this Business of Parker, wch is the direct way to spoil the book.

Dec. 25 (Fri., Xtmass Day). Yesterday, at four Clock in the Afternoon, was buried in St. Peter's Church, just after Evening Prayers, Mr. Martin Powell, the Apothecary.

Memorand. that this Morning was no Sacrament at Edm. Hall, Dr. Felton, the Principal, declining it, by riding out of Town, just after eight Clock, with his Vice-Principal, Mr. Creed, to Abbington, together with one Wilson, Dr. Felton's Servitour, wch Servitour uses to go with him every where as his Man. This is not the first time of his going on holy times with Creed to Abbington, but then he was somewhat excusable, because, Creed being not then in Priest's Orders, he went to administer the Sacrament there for Creed, who officiates there; but now Creed is in Priest's Orders, and therefore Dr. Felton is highly and most

[1] [i. e. near.]

scandalously culpable, there being a Congregation of his own Hall, one of which is a Gentleman Commoner (Mr. Eedes [1]), for offering to go out of the Hall at this time, & to leave those that he ought to have taken care of. All that can be said for him is, that perhaps some will say that the Members of the Hall ought to communicate at their Parochial Church, wch would be true if there were not a consecrated Chappell in the Hall, where the Sacrament used to be duly administred.

Dec. 26 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Strete, Minister of St. Peter's in the East, preached the Gift Sermon in the Afternoon, left by Mr. Bobart, but he had but a small Number of Auditors, only a few Women and two or three Men, he being a very poor, hum-drum Preacher, and his voice very low. Besides, too, he is a very great Whig, and hath, in many respects, disobliged the Parish.

Dec. 27 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Whiteside told me that he exspected out of the Country an English Chronicle to be sent to the Muséum. I ask'd whether it was for the Muséum. 'I believe,' says he, 'I shall get it for the Muséum.' In the evening I understood that this MS. was for me, & that it was to be sent to the Muséum to Mr. Whiteside, that he might deliver it to me.

On Friday Night last was a violent Storm of Wind, wch continued several hours, and those that heard it (for I heard little or nothing of it) said they never knew the wind so high, excepting in the dreadfull Tempest in 1703. It began to prove most violent between 10 and 11 Clock, & so continued 'till after one, and there was terrible Hail & Rain for about two hours with it.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, died Mr. Freeman, Keeper of the King's Head Tavern in Oxford, a very rich man. He was little more than fifty Years old, and died of a Dropsy, for wch he had been tapp'd some days before, & had two Gallons and an half of Water taken from him.

Dec. 28 (Mon.). Roger Holman, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., told me last Night that he believ'd there is not in England a more compleat Rogue and Villain than Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls College; that he knew abundance (as much as any body) of secret History, having, some Years agoe, before he was Warden, been a constant attendant, as it were, upon him, relating to this Man, and was able to write his Life. He said he was a most drunken, debauch'd [. . .] Fellow, wch is true enough; that he stuck not to cheat any one, particularly poor servants, saying, *starve them, and they'll be humble*; that he lately took a place from him in the College as Bedmaker of three Pounds per annum; and that formerly, upon the Death of his the said Roger's first Wife, he cheated him of ten shillings. For his said first Wife being Bedmaker to Gardiner, there was fourty shillings due at her death to Roger, but Gardiner would pay no more than thirty shillings. The said first Wife of Roger hath

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Dec. 26, 1724. H. to Sir P. Sydenham (Diaries, 106. 13). Has entered payment for Langtoft, as desired in letter of June 17 last. Wants information as to the author of two anonymous MS. tracts relating to English antiquities. [They are printed in *Peter Langtoft*, pp. 439–517.]

[1] [MS. 'Eeeds.']

been dead about twenty eight Years, and is said to have been a pretty Woman. Dr. Gardiner had familiar use of her body, & whereas Roger hath only one Child, a Son, by his said Wife (for he never had any by his second), 'tis so like Gardiner that no one doubts but Gardiner is the true Father thereof, & it is frequently and commonly reported to be his, tho' Roger be fond of him. He is a Barber in Oxford, & his Name is John. One Jenkins had also a Daughter, still living, that Gardiner is said (she being very like him) to be the Father of. This Mr. Jenkins was a barber, & died some Years ago.

Yesterday I saw with Mr. Twysden one Mr. Belladure, a French Man, an elderly Man, who is one of Mr. David Gregory's Deputies for teaching modern Languages and modern History. He hath been all over Italy more than once, & been thrice at Florence. He commended two or three Columns in the Physick Garden, there being nothing, he said, so well done of the kind that he had seen any where, either in France or Italy. He pretends to Antiquities also, as well as modern Things. As for Mr. Twysden, he is Gentleman-Commoner of Univ. Coll., a young Gentleman of great hopes. He was born in Kent, & is a branch, I think, of the famous Sir Roger Twysden's Family. He hath a Relation, Mrs. Lybbe, at Whitchurch (in Oxfordshire), near Reading, who hath a Daughter of about twelve or thirteen Years of Age, very pretty, that 'tis supposed will in some time be married to Mr. Twysden.

Dec. 29 (Tu.). Tho' Ant. à Wood hath placed Dr. Edw. Rainbow, bishop of Carlisle, among the Oxford Bishops, yet he hath not reckon'd him among the Oxford Writers, wch he might as well have done as some others, who were more Cambridge Men than Rainbow, who was first of Oxford, before he went to Cambridge, having been almost two Years of Corpus Christi College, where he was Scholar.

Caxton, toward his latter days, lived in King Street, in the Town of Westminster. For it was not made a City 'till after the Reformation and the Dissolution of Westminster Abbey, and had the Title of a Bishop, and this was in the year 15 . . . So in p. 18 of a Volume of Mr. Bagford's Papers, given me by Mr. Baker of Cambr.

Dec. 30 (Wed.). From Mist's Journal for Sat., Dec. 26, 1724, Num. 322 :—

Mr. Malcher is presented to the Rectory of Maple Derham in Oxfordshire, in the Room of the Right Reverend Dr. Weston, Lord Bishop of Exeter, and he is also chosen Fellow of Eaton College, in the room of the said Bishop.

Dec. 28, 1724. H. to M. Blount (Diaries, 106. 16). Indebted for letter of Sept. 20 last. Wrote about the Chronicle, as directed, but having received no answer, supposes there are reasons against sending an account of it. Hearty thanks for offer of the use of the MS. about Mapledurham. Will have something about St. Winifred in Langtoft. 'Some have asserted there never was any such virtuous and Pious Lady. The same Arguments . . . would serve to cut off a vast Number of other holy Persons. What will become of History, and Antiquity, and Goodness at this rate?'

Dec. 30, 1724. F. Coston to H. (Rawl. 4. 100). Has been prevented by sickness from replying before. [See account of this letter, Diary, Jan. 9, 172$\frac{4}{5}$.]

On Saturday Night (Dec. 19) Mrs. Elizabeth Bowes (late Wife of George Bowes, of Durham, Esq., and only Daughter of the Hon. Thomas Verney, Esq., Son to the Lord Willoughby of Broke), who dy'd the 14th of this Instant, in the 15th Year of her Age, was laid in State in the Jerusalem-Chamber, and from thence interr'd in the Vault call'd the Duke of Ormonde's Vault, in King Henry VII's Chappel in Westminster-Abbey, with great Funeral Pomp and Solempnity. The Corpse was receiv'd by the Choir at the West-Door, several Noblemen and Persons of Note attending it to the Grave, and the Sub-Dean officiated on that occasion.

NB. This young Lady was look'd upon as one of the most accomplish'd Creatures in all Great Britain, both in body and mind.

Out of the same Journal:—

On the Death of Mrs. *Bowes.*
Written extempore *upon a Card, in a great deal of Company, Monday,* Dec. 14, 1724, *by the Rt Hon. Lady* M.W.M.

HAIL, happy Bride! for thou art truly blest!
Three Months of Rapture crown'd with endless Rest!
Merit like yours was Heaven's peculiar Care;
You lov'd,—yet trusted Happiness sincere:
To you the Sweets of Love were only shewn,
The sure succeeding bitter Dregs unknown:
You had not yet the fatal Change deplor'd,
The tender Lover for the imperious Lord;
Nor felt the Pains that jealous Fondness brings,
Nor wept that Coldness from Possession springs.
Above your Sex distinguish'd in your Fate,
You trusted,—yet experienced no Deceit.
Soft were the Hours, and wing'd with Pleasure flew,
No vain Repentance gave a Sigh to you:
And if superior Bliss Heav'n can bestow,
With Fellow Angels you enjoy it now.[1]

This Morning died Mr. Thomas Kymber, of Holywell in the North Suburbs of Oxford, a very honest, worthy, sensible, and usefull Roman Catholick, being about sixty Years of Age. He had had the Gout several Years, but was always very chearfull with it. At last he was seiz'd by it in the head, which carried him off. He was my particular Friend and Acquaintance. He had good natural Parts, and understood History and Antiquities well, and had a Collection of many good Books. I us'd often to meet and converse with him, and we seldom parted 'till after many hours. I saw him yesterday (wch was the last time of my seeing him), about three Clock in the Afternoon. I ask'd him how he did. He answer'd, *very well, I thank you, Sir*, and, putting his right hand out of bed, shook me by the Hand, and said more than once, *I know you, Sir; Sir, I know you.* I ask'd him what my Name was. He look'd earnestly, but made no answer. I took my leave of him by shaking hands again with him, when he said again, *Sir, I thank you.* He hath left behind him a Son and a Daughter, neither of which was with him at his death, I think. The Son is a learned Man, being bred up beyond Sea, & is a Priest. His Daughter lives in London. He had

[1] See below, under Febr. 9.

one Daughter, that was married to John Myn (Brother of Tho. Myn, deceased), a Chandler, but she married without Mr. Kymber's consent, and hath been dead many Years. Mr. Kymber was by Trade a Tobacconist, wch he follow'd to his dying day. His Father died a few Years since.

Dec. 31 (Th.). On Friday last died Mr. Piddington, a Mason of Holywell in Oxford, and was buried last Sunday Evening in Holywell Church Yard. He died worth twelve hundred Pounds in Houses and Effects. He had a Son, a Stone Cutter, that lived in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, and died some Years agoe, leaving behind him a Widow and five Children, viz. three Sons and two Daughters, wch Widow (a Jolly Woman, of a very good Character) was born at New Bridge, where her Father, a Farmer, lives now.

Last Night Mr. Freeman, Master of the King's Head Tavern, was buried in St. Michael's Church, Oxford, where his Uncle, Mr. Walker, was buried some Years agoe.

I was informed this afternoon by Mr. Browne, Fellow of University College, that Dr. White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough, was all this last Summer at Mr. Thoresbye's of Leeds, looking over his Papers and Curiosities, in order to some publick Design. Mr. Browne himself was in Yorkshire at the same time.

Jan. 1 (Fri.), 172⅘. I am told by old Mr. Nich. Cox, the Bookseller, who was once Querister of New-College, at least went to School there when a boy, that he remembers Bp Ken a Bach. of Arts of that College, & that he was even then, when young, very pious and charitable, and used always to have small Money to give away constantly, as he walk'd the Streets, in pence or two pence, or more, at a time, as he saw proper Objects.

Jan. 2 (Sat.). Last night, between six and seven a clock, was buried in Holywell Church Yard, by his Father and Wife, Mr. Thomas Kymber. Upon his Coffin was put, aged 57, occasioned by Mr. Prujean, an honest Roman Catholick of St. Clement's, near Oxford, who said Mr. Kymber used to say he was six Years older than him, the said Prujean. But Mr. Kymber was in the sixty second Year of his Age, being born the last day of March in 1663. His Son was at the Funeral, coming Post from London the day before, but his daughter was not there. Neither, indeed, did the Son go to Church with the Corps.

Yesterday one Mr. Big[1], Fellow of Winchester Coll., and late Fellow of

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Jan. 2, 172⅘. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 179). Thanks to Mr. Le Neve for the loan of his books. Has inquired about the life of St. Winifred, which he will have occasion to mention in Langtoft. The Roll of Glastonbury is finished, and the Account of the Hospital of Bawtry is pretty forward. Has read J. M.'s Rastall, which is a great curiosity. Mr. Rance is still alive, but very weak. Mr. West's Harding is a very fine one, 'and of the same kind with' J. M.'s.

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[1] Benjamin Bigg.

New College, a Young Man, was elected Warden of New College. He is a great Whig. His Father is said to be worth thirty thousand Pounds. Mr. Prince & Mr. Leigh, two honest Men, Fellows of the College[1], put up against him, but Prince gave up his Interest to Leigh the Night before the Election. But all would not do, several, it seems, proving treacherous & faithless. They are much blamed for this Election. But Interest sways. And I am told Dr. Bradshaw, Dean of Xt Ch. and Bp of Bristol, had a great hand in this matter, making use of one of the Fellows of New College[2], who is one of his Chaplains.

Jan. 3 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal (Num. 323) of Sat., Jan. 2, 172⅘:—

On Sunday last (Dec. 27) dy'd Thomas Guy, Esquire, formerly a great Money getting Bookseller in Lombard street, and Member of Parliament for the Borough of Tamworth. Soon after the Revolution, in 1688, he built a Town-House for that Corporation, which cost him 1000l., and likewise an Hospital for the Maintenance of 12 ancient Men and 12 ancient Women; and allowed 10l. per Annum to the Minister of the Town, and the like Sum to a Dissenting Teacher. He erected a new Ward in St. Thomas's Hospital, at the Expence of 3000l., and endowed the same. He afterwards erected an additional Building to the said Hospital for Incurables, which, together with the Endowing, cost him 200,000l. He gave 1000l. to the Company of Stationers, the Interest thereof to be applied to the Poor of the Company for ever. He gave, at several times, 500l. to the Workhouse in Bishopsgate-street. He has left 400l. per Annum for ever to Christ's Hospital, besides many other publick and private Charities. The Residue of his Estate, amounting to about 60,000l., he hath left among his Relations. He hath appointed Sir Gregory Page, Baronet, Peter Joy, Esq., Mr. Kendrick, Doctor Mead, and Doctor Plumptree, with four others, the Executors of his last Will and Testament. He was born in the Year 1643, in or near Aldermanbury in London. He is to be interred at St. Thomas's Hospital, from Stationers' Hall, near Ludgate, two Hundred of the Blue-Coat Children of Christ's Hospital being to attend the Funeral.

NB. This Person formerly, with one Parker, rented the Bibles and Common-Prayers at Oxford, and got a vast deal of Money that way. He was a close, stingy Man to himself, scarce allowing himself Necessaries, as I have often heard.

Mr. Aaron Gibbs, an eminent Rag-Merchant in Red-Lion-Street, Clerkenwell, died on Tuesday last, reckon'd worth 40,000l.

Jan. 4 (Mon.). Whereas it is hinted above that Mr. Prince of New College is an honest Man, it appears now from all accounts that he acted a knavish, treacherous part in the election of a Warden of New College. For, whereas he had agreed with Mr. Leigh to give Mr. Leigh timely

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Jan. 2, 172⅘. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 28). Sends more books. [See extract from this letter, Diary, June 30, 1725.]

Jan. 4, 172⅘. H. to [R. Richardson] (Rawl. 9. 27). Thanks for letter of Oct. 26. Surprised that the word *earth born* is not known in Yorkshire,

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[1] Leigh is not Fellow now, but Rector of Wotton, near Woodstock.
[2] One Reynel.

notice if he desisted, on the contrary he did not give any notice 'till just [as] they came into the Chapell, when even many voted notwithstanding for Prince, and Mr. Leigh had so very few that he found himself strangely disappointed and tricked. The College consists of threescore Fellowships, but there were three Vacancies. Some time before the Election, Mr. Big had 22, but two went off. By the Statutes the Person elected must have *major pars omnium Sociorum.* Had Prince & Leigh stood it out, & that number of 37 adhered to them, Big could not have carried it, or, indeed, upon Prince's desisting, had there not been very foul dealing, Mr. Leigh would have been Warden. There were 56 Fellows present at the Election (one, viz. Senior, Mr. Eyre, absenting himself and not voting), whereof 31 voted for Big, 16 for Prince, and 9 for Leigh.

On Saturday Night last (Jan. 2d), between 7 and 8 clock, died (tho' the Bell did not ring 'till 8 next Morning), of a long, lingring Illness, being a Dropsy and Consumption, one of the Theater Printers, Mr. John Rance, Senior, of Holywell, in the North Suburbs of Oxford, in the 62d Year of his Age. He was a very honest, industrious Man, and an excellent Printer, few, if any, better. He never took the abominable Oaths, now so much in fashion. He had been my Compositor in printing for many Years, beginning with Leland's Itinerary, and continuing so ever since. Some Years ago he was seiz'd with the Gout, and had it afterwards now & then, tho' but seldom. Something more than a Year since, being apprehensive of it, Mr. Wheatly, the Clergyman that writ upon the Common Prayer, advis'd him to take flower of Brimstone, wch he did, tho' his other Friends advis'd him against it. This kept off the Gout a good while, to his great Satisfaction, & he was mighty chearfull, but at last his Stomack (wch before had been always very good) was gone. Upon this he left off the Powder, & the Gout then seiz'd him after some space in the Hands, in wch condition he rid with his youngest Daughter, Mrs. Jane Rance, to Newbury in Berks., where he had a small Estate, under twenty Pounds per an., of Land & old Tenements[1], on Whit-Monday last, wch being a most dismal, wet day, he took such cold that the next day he was hardly able to stir. Upon his Return to Oxford, he kept in, & by the advice of a Doctor (viz. Dr. Burton of New Coll.), he took purges, tho' he was grown very thin and weak, but being advis'd by some Friends, particularly my self, to leave purging off, he grew brave & well, recovered his Stomack, & follow'd his Work again, 'till his Son-in-Law, Mr. Johnson, & his Wife, with five young Children and a Maid, coming to his House from London, at the Horse Race, in Sept. last, in Port-Meadow, took him (in wch Action his other two Daughters, Mrs. Sidney and Mrs. Jane Rance, were concern'd) up the Water in a boat, where sitting upon the Water several hours, he came home very ill, & so continued,

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'since the Action mentioned by Langtoft happened in those parts.' Sorry to hear of Mr. Thoresby's illness; heard last week that he was better. Is printing an Account of the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen near Bawtree, written by John Slacke, Master of the Hospital. [See *Peter Langtoft*, p. 389.] Wants to know its present state.

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[1] They call it free Land, but Mr. Rance told me they pay a pepper Corn a year, if demanded.

this Relapse proving to be his death, tho' sometimes he work'd at the printing at his Trade, without being confin'd altogether, 'till about six Weeks ago. He was a very sober Man, & retain'd his Senses 'till the very last. The last time I saw & discours'd with him was upon Friday Night last, between five & six clock, when I found him upon his Couch extraordinary weak. He hath left behind him living four Children, viz. one Son John (unmarried), & three Daughters, Mrs. . . . (married to Mr. Johnson, a notable Man, a Wine-cooper in London), Mrs. Sidney & Mrs. Jane, both unmarried. I mentioned formerly the Death of Mrs. Eliz., who was married to Mr. Batten, who died not long after her. She was younger than Mrs. Johnson, but older than Mrs. Sidney & Mrs. Jane, but then between this Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Batten was Mrs. Mary Rance, who was a pretty Girl, unmarried, that died many Years agoe of a Consumption. I am afraid that the Death of Mr. Rance's own Wife, & of his Daughter Elizabeth, & his Son-in-Law, Mr. Batten, all soon after one another, contributed much to the shortening of his Life.

Jan. 5 (Tu.). This day Mr. West of Balliol College told me at Heddington that one Mr. Greenway, M.A. of Hart-Hall, having a design to publish Photius's Lexicon, hath got the Loan of the MS. that belongs to Roger Gale, Esq., & that Mr. Greenway's Uncle, who hath just been at London, & is come back, hath enter'd into a Bond of fifty Pounds to restore it faithfully. The said Uncle is Stephen Fletcher, of Oxford, Bookseller, with whom the said Greenway liv'd for some time as his Servant, before he was entered a Scholar.

Jan. 6 (Wed.). Last Sunday, in the Morning, preached before the Univ. of Oxford, at St. Marie's, Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, but I hear it was a most strange, rambling, incoherent Discourse.

This Evening, between 8 and 9 Clock, was buried in Holywell Church, by his Wife and Children, Mr. John Rance, whose Death I have before mentioned, p. 33.

Jan. 7 (Th.). About three Weeks ago died of a Consumption Dr. Thomas Whalley, formerly Fellow of Oriel Coll., and afterwards a noted Practitioner of Physick in Lancashire, where he had a paternal Estate of about 500 or 600 libs., as I am told, per an. He was a sober, studious Man, and a good Scholar. He took the Degree of M.A., Nov. 15, 1699, that of B. Med., Oct. 28, 1708, and that of D. Med., July 6, 1711. He was never married.

Jan. 5, [172⅘]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27b. 26). Can learn nothing about Mr. Proast's Case, which must be a rarity. Note about Hugh Peter, said to be executioner of Charles I. Note about Mr. Bedford. [See Diary, Jan. 8.]

Jan. 7, 172⅘. H. to E. Bayly (Rawl. 110. 84). 'I intended to print your draught of the Chichester Inscription, with your Discourse upon it, in Peter Langtoft's Chronicle. . . . Accordingly, I have exspected both for some time. But I find that you have let me loose this opportunity, and I know not when I shall have another. So that, perhaps, now you will resolve to publish both this and the other Antiquity you speak of in some other manner.'

Jan. 7, 172⅘. J. Joye to H. (Rawl. 15. 102). Apologizes for the occasion of H.'s letter. Has to-day sent money for Robert of Gloucester. Wishes to subscribe for Langtoft.

Jan. 8 (Fri.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge informs me, by Letter of the 5th inst., that Mr. Bedford died aged 62 (as upon his Ring), & was admitted Fellow of St. John's Coll., Cambr., Apr. 8, 1685. He understands he died in very good Circumstances, and has left his Family well provided for.

Jan. 9 (Sat.). The Reverend Mr. Thomas[1] Coston, Vicar of Hadnam cum Cuddington, near Alesbury in Bucks., writes me word (by Letter from Hadnam, Dec. 30th, 1724) that what he wrote a few years past of the Antiquities of Hadnam cum Cuddington, two Villages but one Vicaridge (which will be shortly, with that of Kingsye, the Seat of the Herberts, thro' the expiration of an ancient long Lease, in the patronage & gift of the Church of Rochester), is out of his possession, in the hands of Browne Willis, Esq., *who* (says Mr. Coston) *has begun a parochial History of this* (Bucks.) *County, and who esteem'd and kept it, tho' but short, unpolish'd, and unworthy of his and your sight.* As to the Abbey of Thame, he says I may receive satisfaction from the reverend Mr. Thornbury of Magdalen-Hall, the Vicar thereof, and of the Ickenild way of Mr. Pocock, the worthy Rector of Chynnor, both of this County of Oxford, & by whose house it runneth, & who frequently rides it for the air and his health.

Jan. 10 (Sun.). The Bedsted of Og, King of Bashan, was more than five Yards and nine Inches in length, and more than two Yards and one foot in breadth. It was a Bedsted of Iron. See Deut. iii. 11.

Out of Mist's Journal, Jan. 9, 172$\frac{4}{5}$:—

Some Days ago died Mr. John Freeman of Oxford, in the 49th Year of his Age, of a Dropsy. A Gentleman distinguish'd by two excellent Qualities, (to wit) his Beneficence and Humanity. His Loss is greatly lamented by those of his Acquaintance, and especially by those to whom his Charity extended. If an universal good Name is in any way essential to preserve the Memory of a Man, there is no doubt to be made but that his will never be forgotten.

NB. I have inquir'd the occasion of this bantering Character, and have been told that some time ago Mist was at Oxford with Mr. Freebairne, the Scotch Non Juror (the same Freebairne that then call'd upon me), and another Person, & that they were all three nobly and generously treated by Freeman. It must, notwithstanding, be said of him that he was charitable to poor debtors and prisoners, & very kind to his Neighbours, and that he will be much miss'd by them.

We hear that on Monday, about 12 of the Clock, the Rt honble ye Earl of Macclesfield, Ld High Chancellor, waited on his Majesty at St. James's, and resigned the Seals; and, 'tis said, the same are to be held in Commission by

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Jan. 9, 172$\frac{4}{5}$. H. to [J. Joye] (Rawl. 15. 103). Has received payment for Robert of Gloucester, and has entered J. J. as a subscriber for Langtoft.

Jan. 9, 172$\frac{4}{5}$. H. to Edward Sheldon (Diaries, 106. 41). Thanks for loan of the Lives of the Saints, returned to Dr. Frewin this morning. Has extracted a few passages from it. [See Diary, Nov. 24, 1724.]

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[1] [Thomas is a mistake for Francis.]

Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, M^r^. Justice Raymond, and M^r^. Baron Gilbert.

On the second instant I rec^d^ from Peter Le Neve, Esq., being sent me for my perusal, a Breviary, or Book of holy Offices, in Latin, being a 4^to^ MS. in Vellum, at the End of which are the following Prayers of Thomas Tylney, of Hadleigh, Esq., to whom the book belong'd, April 14, 1556, he being then in the 64^th^ year of his Age.

[Two Latin prayers omitted.]

At the beginning is writ with a pencil, 1–11–6, signifying that the book cost so much.

Jan. 11 (Mon.). At the same time that I rec^d^ the foresaid book, I rec^d^ also another from M^r^. Le Neve, which he likewise lent me, being a printed thing in 4^to^, intit., *The auncient Order, Societie, and Unitie laudable of Prince Arthure and his Knightly Armory of the Round Table. With a Threefold Assertion frendly in fauour and furtherance of English Archery at this day. Translated and Collected by R. R. Lond., Imprinted by John Wolfe, dwelling in Distaffe lane, neere the signe of the Castle*, 1583. At the End of the Dedication the Author subscribes himself, Richard Robinson, Citizen of London. After the Dedication follows in Verse, *A Praise of the Bowe and Commendation of this Booke, written by Thomas Churchyard, Gent.* At the End of the Book, after the Author's good wishes for Q. Eliz., are these Words, *So be it, q R. Robinson.* The book is a great Rarity, but one leaf, viz. *F* 2, is wanting, being torne out. At the beginning of it, in a spare Leaf, M^r^. Le Neve hath written, *M^d^. M^r^. Hearne* (*Thomas*) *saith, in one of his prefaces to one of his Volumes of Leland, or of his other books printed by subscription, that neither M^r^. Anstis, Garter, or himself, ever saw this book.* What I say in reference to this matter is in pag. liii of my Apparatus to Leland's Coll., where I have these words, *My very learned and communicative Friend,* John Anstis, Esq., *informs me that there is an* English *Edition of this excellent Book* (Assertio Arthuri), *under this Title: Antient Order, Society, and Unitie laudable of Prince Arthur and his Knightly Armory of the round Table, with a threefold Assertion,* &c. *Englished from Leland by* R. Robinson, 1583. *He tells me that he never saw it, but that he owes his Information to the Catalogue of M^r^.* Richard Smith, *sold by Auction at* Lond., *May* 15, 1682. *Neither have I my self been able to meet with this* English *Edition.* Hence I gather that M^r^. Smith's was a more compleat book than M^r^. Le Neve's, having, besides the *Antient Order*, &c., the English Translation of Leland's *Assertio Arthuri*, which is not in M^r^. Le Neve's Copy. Nor, indeed, is the Assertio part of the *Antient Order*, M^r^. Robinson telling us expressly, in his Dedication to this *Antient Order*, that his Translation of the Assertion (meaning Leland's *Assertio Arthuri*) came out the year before, i. e. 1582. *And as an addition* (saith he) *unto my last yeares translation of the assertion of Prince* Arthure *incident in purpose and convenient in order, I dedicate this ancient order, societie, and unitie of Prince* Arthur *and his knightly armorie, unto you,* &c. At the beginning of the book is put, 1–1–6, signifying that it cost M^r^. Le Neve so much.

Jan. 12 (Tu.). On Saturday, Jan. 2d, Dr. Clavering was confirmed Bishop of Llandaff at St. Mary Le Bow. So Mist's Journal of Jan. 9 last.

Yesterday I recd from Mr. Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, a 4to printed book, being lent me by him for my perusal, in wch are the following things, all printed at Cologne, an. 1521:—

1. Vita et gesta Karoli Magni, per Eginhartum illius quandoque alumnum, atque scribam adjuratum, Germanum.

[Notes on this and three other pieces in the same book omitted.]

At the beginning of the said Book are the Pictures in wood, at full length, of Charles I and Charles V, done very well. At the back side of wch Page (being the Title Page) is written: *Sum Tome Crofte, filij domini Richardi Crofte, dono Richardi Sparcheford, Archidiaconi Salopsherie* [sic], 25 *Junij, Anno Christi incarnati* 1553.

Then follows the Publisher, Hermannus à Nuenare, Sacri Imperij Germanici Comes[1], his Dedication, & after that the same Hermannus's brevis narratio de origine & sedibus priscorum Francorum.

Jan. 13 (Wed.). On Sunday Morning last preached at St. Mary's, before the Univ., Mr. Creed, V. Principal of Edm. Hall, & so he did this Morning the latin Sermon before the term, wch begins to-morrow. He preaches purely to get a little Money to spend upon Girls.

Jan. 14 (Th.). Yesterday I saw in the Ashmolean Muséum, being shew'd me by Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Will. Lilly's Life, written by himself with his own hand, in the 66th Year of his Age. This was printed a few Years ago, but not accurately. It is remarkable, and 'tis the chief passage in the book that Lilly makes, and 'tis very likely to be true, that Lieut. Coll. Joyce is said to be the person that, by Oliver Cromwell's Investigation, cut off K. Charles the first's head.

Jan. 15 (Fri.). A new Organ being about to be provided for and placed in the Theater, that wch is there already hath been offered by the Vice-Chancellour and others of the University to the parish of St. Peter's in the East, to be placed in their Church, but they have refused the same, & I am told have given two reasons for not accepting it, viz. first that 'tis a Relick of Popery, and secondly, that to place an old Cupboard there would be a disgrace to their Church. Thus these people have most sillily declined to accept of what would be for the Honour & Credit of the Church, for which they are much blamed by all wise persons, & some of them, now becoming sensible of their Errour (for 'twould but be to

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Jan. 14, 172⅘. H. to J. West (Rawl. 110. 98). Will soon begin to print J. W.'s two tracts [see *Peter Langtoft*, pp. 439-517]: asks him to make inquiries about the author. 'Mr. John Gibbons [Gibbon] had a particular way of writing, and I should have fix'd upon him, were not I pretty well satisfy'd that here is more learning in these Discourses than he was Master of.' Wishes he could get an account of Mr. Gibbon's little treatise on Stonehenge.

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[1] Hermanni comitis Nuenarij.

restore what they had formerly, before the Civil Wars, they having had then an organ, as there were Organs in most Churches in great Towns, as there were in abundance of Country Churches also), now pretend 'twould have been a burden and charge to their parish, the contrary whereof is true, because they were under no compulsion, but if they were unwilling to contribute to an Organist for themselves, they might have let the Organ been there only for the University, who one part of the Year go to the Church [1].

Jan. 16 (Sat.). Edge Hill Fight happened on a Sunday in the Afternoon, Oct. 23, 1642, the fight beginning about the beginning of Evening Service, at two clock, at w^ch^ time Prince Rupert having quite routed the Enemie's left Wing, and his men being busy in the plunder, he there found several Letters and Advisoes from one Blake, then of his Bed-chamber, to the Earl of Essex (General of the Parliamentarian Army, and Commander of the main Battle in this fight), whereby he understood his counsels were betrayed; for which the said Blake was afterwards hanged in the mid-way betwixt Oxford and Abington, in an Oak, as the King's Army marched to a Rendezvous. So in a little Book, intit., *The History of the Commons' Warre of England*, Lond., 1662, p. 17. NB. This Oak is still in being, tho' very old, and many of the boughs cut off. It is but a small Tree, is commonly called Blake's Oak, and is in within two little Miles of Abbington.

Jan. 17 (Sun.). In p. 60 of the said book it is mentioned that, in the year 1645, Lieut. General Cromwell, having routed a Party of the King's at Islip bridge (where he took two hundred prisoners, with three or four hundred horse, with the Queen's standard), instantly begirt Blechington (whither those that remain'd at Islip fled), and summon'd the Governor (Sir Francis Windebank's father), who, importun'd by his Lady and some other Gentlewomen then within, and mistrusting of relief from Oxford, came to a Parley, and surrendred the House, for which he was afterward condemned to be shot at Oxford, which was executed against the Meadow wall of Merton-College.

Jan. 18 (Mon.). One Thomas Clarke, who died some Years since, was born at Whitchurch, near Henley in Oxfordshire. He was by Trade a Carpenter, a good Workman, and got Money by it, but taking up the trade of teaching the Sol fa (as they call it) singing of Psalms, he left off his Trade of a Carpenter, and went about the Country teaching to sing at many Places, among which one was at White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., where, when I was a School boy, it being the place of my Nativity, I also learned of him, he being excellent at it. But then this Business engaging him in much Company, he spent what he had, and dyed poor. He had two younger Brothers, John and William Clarke.

Jan. 18, 172⅘. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 14. 140). Is living with the Bishop of Winchester's family at Chelsea, and wants his copy of Langtoft sent there.

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[1] See below, p. 120 [under Feb. 14].

The former lived in White Waltham Parish, & married there, but, I suppose, is dead. The latter lived also in that Parish, being Butler many Years to Captain Sawyer, and he got Money, and afterwards leaving that place, he lived with some other Gentleman, & died a Batchelor worth about two hundred Pounds, most of which he left to a Sister.

Jan. 19 (Tu.). Last Night Mr. Taylour of University Coll. told me that Mr. Wise of Trinity College hath plaid most abominable Tricks in his Edition of Asserius Menevensis, that he is a very conceited, confident Fellow, that he hath printed in it a Picture of K. Alfred, which he pretends to be ex antiquissima tabella in hospitio Magistri Collegij Universitatis, but hath made it different from what it is, & that he hath by this performance quite cut himself off from being an Editor. Indeed, the Edition is not at all esteem'd, as even Mr. Wise was told in a Letter from my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., in the Name of the Society of Antiquaries, and Wise is generally look'd upon to be full of pride & self conceit, I know not for what.

They have a Custom at Northmore, near Witney in Oxfordshire, for Men and Women, every Easter Sunday after Evening Service, to throw in the Church Yard great Quantities of Apples, and those that have been married that year are to throw three times as many as any of the rest. After which, all go to the Minister's House, & eat Bread and Cheese (he is oblig'd to have the best cheese he can get) & drink ale.

Jan. 20 (Wed.). They have a Custom in St. Aldate's Parish, Oxford, for people of the Parish to eat Sugar Sopps out of the Font in the Church every Holy Thursday, and this is done in the Morning.

This Morning died the only child that Dr. Frewin had living by his wife, the Lady Tyrrel, being a Daughter, of wch his Lady was extremely fond (indeed, too fond), & being physick'd and too much pampered, I fear, hastened its Death.

Jan. 21 (Th.). Young Mr. Bromley, undergraduate Student of Christ Church, told me last Night that he is twenty two Years of Age. He told me that his Elder Brother William Bromley's Lady (Mrs. Throgmorton) is, on the 27th of this instant Jan., nineteen Years of age compleat, being born Jan. 27, 1705. The said young Mr. Bromley went to School for some time to Mr. George Greenway (the same to whom the Letter

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Jan. 19, 172⅘. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 181). Has to-day returned J. M.'s Rastall. Death of Mr. Rance. 'I have a good Compositor in his room, and the Work now goes on apace.' In what year was Bale's Account of Sir John Oldcastle printed?

Jan. 20, 172⅘. H. to Rev. George Greenway (Diaries, 106. 66). Thanks for silver coin of Julian the Apostate, delivered on April 26, 1723, and for six brass ones received on Dec. 11 last. Believes the latter were found in an urn in G. G.'s parish [Kimpton, Hants]. 'I suppose you had one or more Roman Camps near you, to which the Name of your Town seems to allude.'

Jan. 21, 172⅘. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 15a). Sir John Evelyn, bart., wishes to subscribe for Langtoft: his book may be sent with S. G.'s.

above was written by me [1]), at that time Schoolmaster at Coventry, after wch he (Mr. Bromley) went to Westminster School. He said Mr. Greenway was an excellent Schoolmaster, and that he is a very ingenious Man, and a very good Scholar.

Jan. 22 (Fri.). Mr. Crynes, Esq., Beadle of Arts and Physick, told me yesterday that the said Mr. Greenway was his Schoolmaster.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at four Clock, Miss Frewin was very decently interr'd in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford, the Pall being held up by six young Ladies. But 'tis said she is to be removed when her Mother, my Lady Tyrrell, wife of Dr. Frewin, dies, and that she is then to be buried by my Lady at the Country burying Place of the Family of those Tyrrells.

Jan. 23 (Sat.). Some Years ago Mr. Richard Rawlinson, now Dr. of Civil Law, told me that the above mentioned Mr. Greenway was writing, and designed to publish, the Antiquities of Coventry. What progress he made therein, I know not. I think, however, there were proposals printed for such a work, tho' I believe it was different from Mr. Greenway's. Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., told me very lately that he shall speedily set about transcribing a MS. Chronicle of Coventry, never yet printed, but he does not as yet acquaint me what sort of one it is, nor whether the MS. be his own or somebody's else.

Sir George Wheeler having given, by his Will, his four Volumes of dryed Plants, neatly pasted on Paper, to the Univ. of Oxford, this day Mr. Whiteside shew'd me the said Volumes (which are in Folio), with the Clause of the Will relating to them, they being now in the Ashmolean Muséum, of which Mr. Whiteside is the Keeper.

Jan. 24 (Sun.). Yesterday, in the Evening, I was in company of Mr. William Parry, M.A. and Fellow of Jesus College, who is noted for writing finely, according to print hands. And I remember that in the Reign of the late Princess of Denmark, the University having an Address to present to her, this Parry was imploy'd to write it, wch he did so finely in print hand that the Princess was amaz'd at it, & wondered, she said, the University should pretend to print their Address before they had presented it to her. But she was soon undeceiv'd.

On Friday last most of the Bells in Oxford rang out for my Lady Claxton, widow of the late Sir William Claxton, Kt, and Upholster [2] of Oxford. She died, I think, at Stratford upon Avon, where she hath liv'd most part of her time since Sir William's Death [3].

Jan. 25 (Mon.). On Saturday last the Wife of Mr. William Musgrave, Cook of Edm. Hall, was delivered of a Daughter, being her second

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Jan. 25, 172⅘. H. to [S. Gale] (Rawl. 15. 15b). Has entered Sir John Evelyn's name. Langtoft will not be finished for some time.

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[1] [See letter of Jan. 20.]

[2] ['Upholster' is altered from 'Upholsterer.']

[3] See below, Jan. 26.

Daughter and Child living. She was very hearty and well at seven Clock, and her husband was in bed at half an hour after eight, but finding herself a little uneasy, she went and call'd the Midwife herself, and was delivered without any trouble, to the wonder of all.

Mr. Roots, that belongs to Christ Church, told me to-day that the first of April next he is compleat 75 Years of Age.

Archbp Usher had Lambard's Ἀρχαιονομία compar'd with the Cottonian MS. See his Book de Brit. Eccl. Primordijs, p. 41, Ed. 4o.

Jan. 26 (Tu.). Last Night was buried in St. Ebbe's Church in Oxford, by her Husband, the Lady Claxton. She died at Banbury, where she lived sometimes with one of her Daughters, as she did sometimes with another of them at Stratford upon Avon. 'Tis very remarkable that she is one of the four Women of St. Mary's Parish in Oxford that had all of them put together an hundred Children.

Jan. 27 (Wed.). Mr. Taylour of University College told me yesterday (just before he went into Worcestershire) that he had got a Transcript of the History of Eovesham, which he took two or three Years agoe from another older MS., since lost, and, as far as I could perceive by him, that MS. wch is lost had been transcrib'd from the Original in the hands of one Mr. Field. Mr. Taylour lent his Copy to Captain Stephens, but it came too late for the Captain's *Monasticon*. The Captain, it seems, hath it still. The Author of this History, Mr. Taylour said, was a Monk of Eovesham that surviv'd the Dissolution of Abbeys.

[Note on the Lormery at Oxford, printed in the Glossary to *Peter Langtoft*, p. 613, omitted.]

Jan. 28 (Th.). Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. told me, on the 26 instant, that there is nothing of the Monastery of Clive in Worcestershire now left, but that Mr. Bushell lives at a House which they call the Priory House, which House belongs to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, who are Lords of the Mannour.

He also told me that Westwood in the same County, where there was a Nunnery, belongs now to Sir John Packington, who perhaps hath many Writings relating to it.

He also told me that perhaps Wm, Earl of Coventry, Ld Viscount Derehirst, hath many Writings about the Monastery of Derehirst in Gloucestershire, he taking his Title of Viscount from that Place.

Jan. 26, 172⅘. H. to R. Dyer (Diaries, 106. 72). Has inquired farther about *earth horns*, but without success. 'Even Dr. Richardson of Yorkshire, who is otherwise so knowing in these Affairs, never heard of the Word before. ... Nor can I find that Mr. Thoresby ... is able to give us any light.' Mentions death of Mr. Rance. If R. D. has Caxton's Life of St. Winifred, wants to know from what language it was translated, and whether Robertus Salopiensis is mentioned in it.

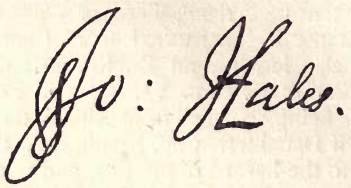
Jan. 26, 172⅘. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 183). Has to-day returned Mr. Le Neve's two books. The tract about the Order of Prince Arthur wants Leland's Assertio, which was translated by Robinson. If J. M. has the translation, wants to know the date.

He likewise told me that there is abundance of fine Inscriptions and other Things of Antiquity at Tewksbury in Glouc.sh.

At the same time that my Friend, Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., lent me Eginhartus's Life of Charlemagne, mentioned above, pag. 54, he also lent me an English MS. Chronicle in Vellum, written about the time of K. Hen. VI. 'Tis in Folio. It begins with the Story of Albion's being so called from Albine, the eldest of Dioclesian King of Syria's xxxiii Daughters, who, having slain their Husbands, were by their Father put to the hazard of the Sea, and were luckily brought to this Island, w^ch^ was named Albion by the eldest, from her own Name. The story occurrs in Caxton & elsewhere. After this follows the English History in Prose (as the Story of Albine is), according to Robert of Gloucester, tho' Robert of Gloucester be not mentioned. But then 'tis often strangely curtail'd and misrepresented, the Author not understanding Robert aright. Who the Metaphrast was, I know not. The Book is a Curiosity, and that is all, there being not one material point of History but what is already well known, & far better delivered in the original Robert of Gloucester that I printed than in this MS. However, I have given some Specimens of it in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft's Chronicle. M^r^. Ward had guess'd this Book to be Trevisa's Translation of Polychronicon. I had guess'd it formerly, when I saw it in M^r^. Rawlins's Hands (whom I have mentioned upon account of D^r^. Charlett's Books), to be a Copy of Brute of England, and so it may indeed be called, tho' it be really different, as far as I can remember, from all that I have seen hitherto. There is a Picture, at the Beginning, of Dioclecian and his Daughters. The King is represented standing with a sword in his right hand, and an hat or sort of bonnet upon his head. The Daughters are represented going to a ship. This MS. ends at the Battle of Lewes, in which it says the King of Almaine was taken in a Windmill, and Prince Edward fled into the Grey Friers. *And when the two ostes* (these are the Words) *met, there was many a modre sonne broght to grounde, and the Kynge of Almayne was taken in a wẏndemẏlle þat somtyme was duke of Cornewalle, and Sir Edward ron to the Froiers menores* . . . . . I have put points, because a little more than a line (which would have quite fill'd the page) is plainly eras'd (the Rasure being very visible) by I know not what hand, on purpose to make one believe, if possible, that the book is compleat, for w^ch^ reason a late (I suppose the same) hand hath put the word *Finis* to it, tho' 'tis certain 'tis an imperfect MS., and I do not doubt but it concluded, as Robert of Gloucester himself did, at the Beginning of Edward the I^st's^ Reign, to which Period, perhaps, another Picture at the End of the Book relates. At the beginning of the MS., on the backside of the first Picture, is written,

Jo: Hales 1640:

and below again by the same hand, on the same page,



I first thought that this had been the hand writing of the famous Mr. John Hales of Eaton, and that the Book belong'd to him, but I am now of opinion, with Mr. Ward, that it rather belong'd to the Family of the Hales's of Coventry, and that perhaps it came from the Priory of Coventry. This Family lately dwelt at Coventry, and John Bale says thus of one of their Ancestors (De Script., p. 106 Lib. 2di): 'Johannes Hayles, vel Halesius, illustris Generis Homo, bonarumque literarum peritus, Coventriæ magnificas erexit Scholas, ac pro pueris instituendis edidit Introductiones quasdam, Lib. 1. Claruit anno Domini 1548.' And I am the rather inclin'd to be of this opinion from some things that I have heard from my Friend, Mr. Taylour of University College. The said School at Coventry was founded where St. John's Hospital was, as may be seen in Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwickshire, p. 112, and the said John Hales, as Dugdale also observes (Ibid. p. 119), was the same that Leland calls *Hales with the clubbe Foot*[1].

Jan. 29 (Fri.). There is just come out in Folio, printed at the Theater in Oxford, a Volume of Sermons by the late Bp of Bristol, Dr. Smalridge, several of which had been printed at London formerly singly, and several in one Volume in 8vo at the Theatre, and many were never printed before. The Bp's Picture by Vertue is prefix'd, as also his Epitaph made by Dr. Rob. Freind. The Book is dedicated in the Name of the Bishop's Widow to the Princess of Wales, as they stile the Duke of Brunswick's Son's Wife.

Jan. 30 (Sat.). Memorand. that Mr. Whiteside, Keeper of the Ashm. Muséum, went this Morning by Haynes's Flying Coach, at four Clock, to London, about some ordinary Business relating to his Experiments.

I am well inform'd that that great and most celebrated Mathematician, Sir Isaac Newton, does not understand a bit of Classical Learning, but hath apply'd himself altogether to the Mathematicks, only sometimes for diversion, and for relaxation of his Spirits, he hath studied Chronology.

I heard a Man, who bears a good Character, & lives now at Horton, near Oxford, say yesterday that Mr. Edward Eustace, formerly of University Coll., and lately Minister of Beckley, a Man well beloved in his Parish, being once to preach a funeral Sermon at Beckley, happened to forget his Sermon, and thereupon went home, at some distance, to fetch it, just as the Psalm was begun to be sung, upon wch he desired

[1] Itin., vol. iv, p. 97.

the Clarke to keep on the singing 'till his Return, so that the whole 119th Psalm was sung out, a Thing never, I believe, heard of before.

Jan. 31 (Sun.). On Monday last was buried in North-Leigh Church, near Witney (having died there about a Week before), Henry Perrot, Esq., Father of the Gentleman of that Name who is one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Oxford. This Mr. Perrot, the Father, about a douzen Years ago, lived in Oxford. He was a Man of good Sense, & understood the Law well. He was also look'd upon as an honest Man, yet he was great with the Heads of Houses whilst he lived in Oxford. Having left Oxford, he retired to Northleigh, & lived there very privately. He is said to be about fourscore and four or five years of age. He was a wealthy Man, and was commonly call'd *Golden Perrot.*

Feb. 1 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal of Jan. 30 last:—

They write from Rome, Jan. 23, N.S., That the Pope has resolved to permit the reading of the Holy Scripture in the vulgar Languages, and has order'd the Clergy to instruct the People in their Homilies and Sermons, and to make them comprehend the Usefulness of such Reading.

Feb. 2 (Tu.). Mr. Brookland, the Printer, told me yesterday that old Mr. Ellis of Sunningwell told him on Sunday last that he (Mr. Ellis) is 83 Years of Age, and that he hath been Minister of Kennington 55 Years.

At the same time Mr. Ward of Longbridge lent me his English Chronicle in MS., he also lent me Bellenden's Scottish Translation of Hector Boethius's History of Scotland, a folio Book, printed in the black Letter. It is imperfect, wanting something at the beginning, particularly the Title Page, and part of the Cosmographie & Description of Scotland. At the end of the Translator's *Proheme of the History* is this Note: ☞ *Heir efter followis the history and croniklis of Scotland, compilit and newly correckit be the reuerend and noble clerke, maister Hector Boece, channon of Aberdene. Translatit laitly by maister Johne Bellenden, Archedene of Murray, channon of Ros. At the command of the richt hie, richt excellent, and noble prince James the .V. of that name, king of Scottis. And imprentit in Edinburgh be Thomas Dauidson, dwellyng fornens the frere wynd.* The History consists of seventeen books only, so that the Translation, I suppose, was made from Badius Ascensius's Ed. at Paris, 1526, fol., which has only 17 Books, ending with the Death of K. James the First, as is observ'd by Bp Nicolson, Scottish Historical Library, p. 108, whereas the next Edition in folio, Lausan., 1574, was larger, having the Addition of the Eighteenth Book compleat, and part of the Nineteenth, continued so far by the Author himself, tho' what follows was the Work of J. Ferrerius, a Native of Piedmont, who carry'd it down to the End of James the IIId's Reign. At the End of this English Work is added, *Heir endis the hystory and Croniklis of Scotland, with the Cosmo-*

Feb. 2, 172⅘. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 187). Inquires about 'a large Historical History of Queen Elizabeth,' said to be mentioned in 'A Calendar of the Scripture,' printed by R. Jugge, 1575, 4to.

graphy & dyscription thairof. Compilit be the noble clerk, maister Hector Boece, channon of Aberdene. Translatit laitly in our vulgar and commoun langage be maister Johne Bellenden, Archedene of Murray. And Imprentit in Edinburgh be me, Thomas Dauidson, prenter to the Kyngis nobyll grace. ☞ CVM PRIVILEGIO. ☜

This Scottish Translation is a great Rarity. Bp Nicolson had seen but one Copy, and observes (Scot. Hist. Libr., p. 109) that there were but few Copies printed. This Translation was afterwards, but with Alterations, put into English, partly by Wm Harrison, and partly by Fr. Thynne, & printed in the first Volume of Hollingshede's Chron.[1]

Feb. 3 (Wed.). A young Man of eighteen Years of Age, a lean, thin fellow, having laid a Wager of five Shillings with his Master, one Marriner, a Coachman in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, that he would run from Cairfax Conduit in Oxford to the Turn-Pike by Whately Bridge in the Space of an hour, yesterday Morning he undertook it, & ran it in less than an hour's time by three Minutes, which, considering Shottover Hill, was look'd upon as much. I remember that about a douzen Years agoe I walk'd from Dorchester to Oxford in an hour and a Quarter. It was just three Quarters after seven in the Evening when I set out from Dorchester, and I was upon Magdalen Coll. Bridge just at nine. It was good weather. I could have done it much sooner, had it been for any wager, but it was only an ordinary Walk.

Feb. 5 (Fri.). On Tuesday, Jan. 26 last, was married in Binsey Church, near Oxford, one Mrs. Woolley to Mr. John Wilder, M.A., Fellow of Pembroke Coll., & Minister of St. Aldate's Parish. She is one of the Daughters of one Mr. Woolley, an Oxford barber that died about 7 Years ago. She is about twenty Years of Age, and a pretty Woman, but hath little or no fortune; but Mr. Wilder is above fourty Years old, taking the Degree of M.A., April 13, 1703, & having been a great Tutor in the College, and a regular Man, is worth a pretty deal of Money. He is a man that always bore a good Character, and might have married

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Feb. 4, 172⅘. H. to E. Sheldon (Diaries, 106. 94). More remarks on the MS. Lives of the Saints. Is printing the Chronicle of Peter Langtoft, now in the Heralds' Office, but formerly belonging to Ralph Sheldon. Is there anything in E. S.'s MSS. to show how much Sheldon paid Anthony à Wood for undertaking to place that and other MSS. in the Heralds' Office? Has heard it was £40.

Feb. 4, 172⅘. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 112). Mr. Gibbon's papers are in the Heralds' Office. [See Diary, Feb. 6.] Believes the tracts formerly belonged to Mr. Andrew Paschal, rector of Chedzoy in Somerset, 'and as such are quoted by Gibson in that part of Cambden wch relates to Stonehenge. . . . You will be surprized, perhaps, when I tell you that Tho. Rawlinson yesterday owned his having been married this 6 months to his Maid, At which his Creditors are very Angry, and in all likelihood will give him a great deal of trouble.' [See Diary, Feb. 13.]

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[1] Mr. Ward hath since given me the book, and I think it now pretty perfect, there appearing to be very little wanting.

one of better Circumstances, but having been God-father to this young Woman, he had always a particular regard for her, and took care of her Education, and used to call her wife, a thing much observed, tho' no one thought that he would marry her. She had been a good while with some Relations in the Country, but coming to Oxford the day before the Marriage, she design'd to put herself to service, having lived hitherto otherwise, & her Uncle being with her, things were providing for that end. But Mr. Wilder being to be consulted first, he opened his Mind to her that he would marry her, if she pleased, & so provide for her. But Mr. Wilder, however, tho' she were very willing, would do nothing without the Consent of her Uncle. He proposed the Matter, therefore, to him. The Uncle said he readily consented, provided Mr. Wilder would condescend to marry his Neice, who was so much inferiour to him. Mr. Wilder express'd his Affection very tenderly, & declar'd how happy he should think himself in matching with her. Accordingly, every thing being prepar'd, they were married the next day.

Feb. 6 (Sat.). Mr. Bagford (for he drew it up, tho' it be not acknowledg'd), in his Catalogue (prefix'd to Gibson's Ed. in English of Camden's Britannia) of some Authors, Books, and Treatises relating to the Antiquities of England, tells us of a short Treatise upon Stone-henge, written by John Gibbons [Gibbon], MS. I writ lately to my Friend, Mr. James West of Balliol-College, who is now in London, to inquire about this Tract. Upon which he writes me word, in a Letter dated the 4th inst., that having desired Mr. Murray to inquire about Mr. Gibbon's Papers, he that very day told him that Mr. Anstis had not been in Town since he acquainted him with it; however, he was assured that Mr. Gibbon's MSS. were in the Heralds' Office, but Mr. Murray could give him no account of that piece relating to Stone Henge 'till Mr. Anstis comes to London, when, he says, I shall not fail to hear from him.

Feb. 7 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Feb. 6, 1724-5 (No. 328):—

By our Letters from Rome, we are advised that the Pope has not only commanded the inferior Clergy to recommend to the People the reading of the holy Scriptures in the Vulgar Tongue, but that he designs to employ Men of Skill and Learning in making a more correct Translation of the holy Bible, if possible, than is yet extant. It is said that he has also declared that as Customs and Ceremonies are not Matter of Faith, he is willing the Church should lay aside Part of her Drapery, that the Reform'd may no longer have a Pretence of quarreling with their ancient Mother (as they call her at Rome); nay, some have gone so far as to say that he has some design of calling a general Councel, and that thus by meeting the Protestants, as it were, half Way, he is not without Hopes of drawing all Christendom under one Form of Church Discipline.————So that tho' he is a Person of singular Piety, he

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Feb. 6, 172⅘. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 145). 'I have been very much taken up of late with Building and Planting, that my Thoughts have been but little upon Books.' Encloses the title of the Register of Winchcomb Abbey, but Sir John Dutton is unwilling to lend the book out of the house, though he has offered R. G. the perusal of it. Has lately met with an edition of Lyndwood's Constitutions, printed in 1499. Sends money for Langtoft, &c., enclosed in an old book or two, which he desires H. to accept.

appears to be no Bigot.——This unexpected News has made so much Noise in the World that in the Protestant Courts of Europe it is the common saying now that the Pope is turn'd Protestant.

It is certain that for a Time there has been a Chappel allowed in the Palace of the Chevalier de S^t^. George, where divine Service is regularly performed according to the Rites of the Church of England, and that two Ministers, of good Reputation for Learning, officiate there: It is observed, also, that the frightful Notion the common People entertained of a Heretick is quite worn of, and that when a Protestant now dies in Rome, he is admitted to be bury'd in consecrated Ground, which is a new Privilege.———This Favour, as well as the kind Dispositions the Pope himself seems to entertain of a Union amongst the Christian Churches, is supposed to come from the Influence of the English who reside in the Roman Territories.

Feb. 9 (Shrove-Tu.). At Sunningwell, near Abbington in Berks., they have a Custom (w^ch^ I suppose was formerly in other Places, tho' I do not know of any else where it is now) every Shrove-Tuesday, at Night, in the dusk of the Evening, for the boys & Girls to say these verses about the Village,

Beef and Bacon's
out of Season,
I want a Pan
to parch my Peas on.

w^ch^ they repeat several times, and then throw Stones at all people's doors, w^ch^ makes the people generally to shut up their doors that Evening, the Custom beginning much about the Dusk thereof.

From the Reading Mercury, Sat., Feb. 6, 1724–5, Num. lxxxv:—

The following Lines were written by a young Gentleman on the Death of a young Lady[1], lately deceas'd.

How blest a Life; how short its Date!
'Twas Semele's and Danae's Fate.
In Golden Showers the Lover came,
Like thund'ring Jove he claps'd the Dame;
The Victim of too fierce a Flame.

Feb. 8, 172⅘. H. to J. West (Diaries, 106. 101). Long letter about Stonehenge. The Scriptores Heidelburgici is scarce; but sees no reason why it should be so excessively dear. Will be glad of the book.

Feb. 8, 172⅘. G. Greenway to H. (Rawl. 15. 38). Glad the trifles were acceptable. 'My parish is encompas'd w^th^ Roman camps, ways, &c., on every side.' [See Diary, Feb. 11.] 'The ancient name of my parish in y^e^ Registers att Winton & (I am told) in doomsday book is Cumeton. Y^e^ scituation of it does not favour y^e^ known meaning of y^e^ Saxon Combs, & y^re^ being no remains of a camp in it, I know not how to account for it.' Will be glad to see H. at Kimpton.

Feb. 8 [?], 172⅘. R. Richardson to H. (Rawl. 9. 31). Encloses a letter from Mr. Ralph Thoresby concerning the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen near Bawtry. [Mr. Thoresby's letter, dated Feb. 2, is in Rawl. 10. 82. Both Richardson's and Thoresby's letters are printed in the Preface to *Peter Langtoft*, p. ccvi. The date of Richardson's letter is more like Feb. 6 than Feb. 8, though Hearne has taken the latter as correct.]

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[1] M^rs^. Bowes. See above, under Dec. 30.

Feb. 10 (Ashwed.). At the same time Mr. Ward of Longbridge lent me his English MS. Chronicle, he lent me a folio printed Book that I had seen formerly by the favour of Mr. Graves, who had borrowed it of a Bookseller, of whom, it seems, since Mr. Ward hath purchas'd it.

[Notes on *Gesta Regis Alexandri Magni* and Guido de Columna's *Historia Destructionis Trojæ*, omitted.]

Both these pieces are printed in the same letter, and I do not doubt but in the same Year, and at the same place, *viz.* Strasburg. For tho' neither the date nor the place appears in the Volume, wch is a little folio, yet Beughem, in his Incunabula Typographiæ, mentions Guido's *Historia destructionis Trojæ* to be printed at *Argentinæ*, 1489, fol., wch I take to be of the same Impression as[1] Mr. Ward's, & 'tis to that year also I ascribe the History of Alexander the Great, wch is not mentioned by Beughem, he having, it seems, not heard of this printed book. Neither of the pieces have any signatures. I have an old MS. in vellum of the said life of Alexander the Great, more correct, & in many respects fuller, than the printed one, wch, however, is to be valued for its rarity, and for its being printed so early, and there are many MSS. besides of the same.

Feb. 11 (Th.). In p. 2 of Peter Langtoft's Chronicle, that I am printing, is mention made of a great Victory obtained by K. Ina over his Enemies at a place called Kampedene:—

> *In a grete Daneis felde þer þei samned alle,*
> *Þat euer siþen hiderward Kampedene men kalle.*

Nor is the French otherwise:—

> *En le chaump Danajs touz sunt assemblez,*
> *Qe pus cel houre en sca* (vel *ca*, sive *cea*) *est Campedene nomez.*

So that, according to this Author, Campden is *Campus Danorum*, Danes' Field or Danish field; and I do not doubt but that was the vulgar Notion at that time. But I rather incline to those who make Campden to be a military valley. '*Campden*, vel *Camden*' (saith Dr. Skinner[2]), 'in Com. *Gloc.*, q.d. Vallis Militaris, *ab* A. S. Camp, Pugna, Cempa, Miles, & Den, Vallis; ab hoc oppido tum illustris Gens supracitata, tum eximius noster Antiquarius nomen traxerunt.' Especially since Mr. Somner in his Saxon Dict. expressly tells us that camp, or campe, is *bellum, castra, warre, a camp*; that cempa is *Miles, agonista, manipularis, tyro, a souldier, a champion, a combatant, a trouper, a novice, a fresh water souldier*; and that Den is *vallis, a valley, a vale, a dale* (to omit the other significations of its being; *cubile, a couch, a den*, and *locus invius, sylvestris, asper & incultus, porcisque & pecudibus pascendis accommodus, a Forest*). Sir Robert Atkins, indeed, is pleased to note of

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Feb. 11, 172⅘. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 109). [See account of part of this letter, Diary, Feb. 17.] Remarks on Stonehenge. Has heard that Mr. Aubrey wrote something about it: perhaps the anonymous tract may be his. 'He was very Whimsical, tho' a good Scholar & Antiquary.'

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[1] [MS. 'of'.]

[2] Etymolog. Onomast., voc. *Campden*.

Campden in Gloucestershire[1] that *it is so called from a* Camp, *near that Place, where a Battle had been formerly fought*, without expressing at the same time what the latter syllable of the word denotes, as thinking that it was sufficiently known. And he had just reason to think so, since there are so many Deans in England, that from their very nature all shew w^t^ the meaning of that Term is; w^ch^ puts me in mind of a very pleasant valley call'd Cookham Dean (in the Parish of Cookham) in Berks., w^ch^ as 'tis near Maidenhead in that County, so, withall, 'tis but at a little Distance from Great Marlow in Buckinghamshire, which is a very pleasant, tho' very poor, Market Town, where, however, there is plenty of Fish, Corn, and Wood, whence the People there commonly say: 'Here is Fish for catching, Corn for snatching, and Wood for fetching[2].' And upon writing these particulars, I cannot but observe that Kimpton, near Andover in Hampshire, seems to me to be the same with Kempton. It was usual to change *e* into *i*. The syllable *ton* for *toun* is very common. Nor will what I note seem at all probable to those that shall consider that the Parish of Kimpton, as I am inform'd, for I never saw it my self, by the present learned Rector thereof, the Reverend M^r^. George Greenway, is encompass'd with Roman camps, ways, &c., on every side, & that Roman Urns & Coins, and other Curiosities, have been frequently discover'd thereabouts. 2 Urns have been found in the Parish since M^r^. Greenway came to it; one a Sepulchral Urn, with bones in it, & several teeth as firm as he ever saw, that he gave to the Earl of Burlington; in the other were many Coyns found, seven of which, *viz.* one of Silver, the other of Brass or Copper, M^r^. Greenway was pleased to give me. That of Silver is of Julian the Apostate, on the obverse, or face side, of w^ch^ is, FL CL IVLIANVS PF AVG, Juliani Apostatæ caput diad. Rev.,

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} intra coronam lauream. Infra, LVG.

This, as I take it, is of the Year 361, when Julian[3] became sole Emperour upon the Death of his Couzin German, Fl. Julius Constantius. Two of the six Brass ones are of the said Constantius; the others are of Faustina (wife of Marcus Antoninus), Claudius Gothicus, Constantine the Great, and Valens, but are much oblitterated and defaced, and not of so good account as either that I have mentioned of Julian (w^ch^ is scarce, and not in Occo or Mediobarbus), or two silver ones found in the same Urn of Gratian, very well preserv'd, w^ch^ M^r^. Greenway gave the E. of Winchelsea, having on their Reverse a trophy with VIRTVS EXERCITVS, which M^r^. Greenway supposes was a complement to the Army, which had here saluted him emperour. But I should rather ascribe it to some Victory that he had obtained against the Saxons in Gaul in the year 370, since I find that Occo is of the same opinion, when, in p. 509 of the folio Ed. of his Book of Coyns, he writes thus with respect to a Coyn with the same reverse, *Saxones in Gallijs irrumpentes, cum Patre*

[1] Ancient and present State of Glostershire, p. 309.
[2] See vol. 94 of these Coll., p. 221.
[3] Duct. nost. Hist., vol. ii, p. 159, 161.

Valentiniano repellit Gratianus, placing it at A.V.C. 1122, Christi 370, at which time he was much beloved in Britain, tho' not so some Years after, when Magnus Maximus was declared Augustus there, and treacherously caused Gratian to be murdered. Sometimes Axes and other military Instruments, as well as things of an inferior kind, and even many that appertain to other occupations, have been found with the Roman Urns & Coyns in many places, which we ought not to look upon as strange, since such Things that they most delighted in, or best express'd their several Trades of Life, were usually buried with the Remains of their Bodies, just as Axes, Bills, Knives, Bows, Hammacks, and Beads, too, are now in Jamaica, as is insinuated by Edmund Hickeringill, in p. 74 of his Reflexions upon Jamaica, at the End of his View of that Country. See p. 143 of Vol. 102 of these Remarks.

Feb. 12 (Fri.). On Tuesday last, being Shrove Tuesday, Mr. John Rance, now in the 40th Year of his Age, being born in Summer time, 1685, only Son of my late Compositor, Mr. John Rance, was married in Wolvercote Church, near Oxford, to one of the Daughters of one Mr. Speed, who, with his Wife, live now in a little house, in wch they sell drink, called Rump Hall, a little beyond New Parks, as we go to Kidlington; but a few Years agoe they lived and kept a Dary at Water Eaton, and were, as they are now, always reputed very honest persons, but they were reduced, from some considerable Losses recd from the late Lord Lovelace, to whom they were Tenants. This Daughter, to wch Mr. Rance is married, hath lived in service in Oxford with good Reputation. She is, as I am told, at least thirty Years of Age. But as for Mr. Rance himself, who is one of the Compositors at the Bible Press in Oxford, he hath nothing of the good Character of his Father[1], being idle & careless, & he was in several respects so very undutifull that his Father often complain'd of him, and he told me, not long before he died, that his Son's Undutifullness & Negligence was one of the chief Things that contributed to his Illness, telling me that he lay at Rump Hall, & other places, & would not come near him in his Illness, for wch reason (if he knew how) he had a good mind to cut him off with one shilling; but this he did not do, but left the Estate to him, only he is to pay to his Sisters, Sidney and Jane Rance, fifty Pounds apiece, & something by way of Mourning to his Sister that is married to Mr. Johnson of London, &, it may be, some other legacies, of wch I know nothing. Last Night his Sisters, Sidney and Jane Rance, call'd upon me to take their leaves, they being gone this Morning with their Brother in law, Johnson, with whom they are to live, at least for a little while, in London. They staid a very few Minutes. After they were gone, I spent the Evening in Company of Mr. Burman, Mr. Harsnet, Mr. Whiteside, & Mr. Marriet of Xt Church, when Mr. Burman gave me the MS. (wch, however, I have not yet seen), being a Chronicle of England, that I formerly mentioned as designed to be left with Mr. Whiteside.

Feb. 13 (Sat.). My Friend, Mr. West of Balliol Coll., now in London, informs me, in a Letter from London of the 4th inst., that my Friend,

[1] He is since reclaim'd, & makes a good husband.

Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., the day before, viz. Febr. 3d, owned his having been married six months before to his Maid.

At the same time he told me that the Society of Antiquaries (as they call themselves) have published a Plate of the Gatehouse at Westminster, and a Draught of Edwd the Confessor's Tomb in the Abbey.

Feb. 14 (Sun.). Notwithstanding the Clamours (mentioned above, p. 58, &c.) of many of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, against the Organ offered them by the University, yet the wisest Part of them came to a Resolution, in opposition to the rest, to accept of it, and contribute towards a Place in wch it should be fix'd, and accordingly, a Place being prepared, the Organ was translated Yesterday in the Afternoon, St. Marie's & St. Peter's Bells ringing all the time, from the Theater, & placed in St. Peter's Church.

Last Night, about six Clock, died pretty suddenly of the Cholick[1] old Mrs. Cox, aged about 77, wife of Mr. Nicholas Cox, who is 75 years of age, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Bookseller. She was very well & brisk about 2 days before. On Monday last I saw her abroad, at a Neighbour's, mighty well and hearty. She had been a pretty body, & was of a good Family, & brought a good Fortune to her Husband, five hundred Pounds, wch used to be look'd upon as a very good Portion, but her husband having been extravagant, that & what he had himself is all spent. She was a sober, virtuous Woman, & exemplarily tender of her husband.

Feb. 15 (Mon.). This day I recd a Letter from Edw. Sheldon, of Weston House, near Long-Compton in Warwickshire, Esq., dated the 13th inst., in wch he tells me that he is glad to have my approbation of the MS. of the Lives of the Saints, now in Doctor Frewin's hands, to whom he hath wrot an order to deliver it again to me, if I desire it, and he says he shall be very glad if in that, or any other booke he hath, he can be of service to me. *MSS*ts (saith he) *I have some few imperfect, as the Doctor knows, who gave himself the trouble to look over them all; but have nothing that I know of that relates to Peter Langtoft. If I had, you should command it. My relation* (*that Ralph Sheldon so often mention'd by Mr. Wood*) *dispos'd of all he had that were intire & of value, as Wood tells you in his booke, to whom I never heard of any thing given upon any account by that Gentleman or my father, except* £100 *os. od. given him by*

Feb. 14, 172⅘. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 153). Sorry to hear of Mr. Rance's death. Hopes it will be a caution to H. not to fatigue himself too much. Thanks for 'two of your Pictures' received from Dr. Bridges. Wishes H. would publish John Bridges' Collections. How does Dr. Fiddes' book progress? [PS.] 'I find Walter *Brune* & Rosia, his wife, were Founders of St. Mary Spittle extra Bishop's Gate for Canons Regular, an. 1197, wch I only mention for sake of the name.'

Feb. 15, 172⅘. H. to Rev. Dr. [Thomas] Coney (Diaries, 106. 122). Can T. C. give any account of the author of an anonymous tract about Stonehenge, formerly belonging to Mr. Andrew Paschal, one of T. C.'s predecessors at Chedzoy?

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[1] 'Twas of a Rupture.

that Patron of his, by word of mouth, not long before he died, and design'd towards printing his Athenæ, which my father confirm'd to him (tho' not oblig'd), when he came into possession of the estate, which sum, with one or two hundred more, in a very few days he brought to my father, & desired he would take it, paying him an annuity for his life, which he refus'd, and Mr. Rowney's father had it, and I thinke paid but one half year. This is the substance of what I know of that affair, &c.

Feb. 16 (Tu.). Dr. Wm Musgrave of Exeter, as he was Author of many Things, partly in his own Faculty of Physick, and partly in Antiquities, so at his Death he had in the Press at Oxford (the Theater one) a Book about the Gout, which work devolv'd upon his Son, a young Physician, formerly M.A. of Exeter Coll., who succeeded his Father in his Estate and Practice, but this Son is since dead, viz. about a Quarter of a Year since, & the Work is not quite finished as yet, there being about a Quarter or half a Sheet to be done of it. This young Musgrave hath under his Name a 4to Pamphlet in Latin, printed at Oxford by Lichfield, intit., *De Dea Salute*, but the Father is supposed to have been the real Author of it.

Feb. 17 (Wed.). Last Night old Mrs. Cox was buried in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, near New-College Wall.

My Friend, Mr. James West, in a Letter of the 11th inst. from London, informs me that the day before he writ that Letter he saw Mr. Anstis, who told him that the Executors of Mr. John Gibbon gave to the Heralds' Office all his MSS., which are kept in a Cupboard by themselves, and not yet methodized; however, he should be in Town this week, when Mr. West should see them all, and have liberty to transcribe any of them, wch as soon as Mr. West is able to do, he says I may exspect to hear from him.

At the same time he told me Mr. Anstis's book of the Register of the Garter would be published last Monday, price five Guineas, being two Vols. fol.

The same day he writ that Letter, he told me he had met with John Fox's book of Martyrs, in Latin, printed at Basil, 1559, fol°, which (says Mr. West) contains many things not in the English Editions, and is exceeding scarce.

Feb. 18 (Th.). Last Night, about five Clock, died of a Consumption one Mr. Wilson, an Undergraduate of Edmund Hall, Servitour to Dr.

Feb. 16, 172⅘. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 189). Takes it for granted that J. M. can't give an account of the History of Queen Elizabeth. Wants a short account of Inigo Jones' Stonehenge containing MS. notes. 'Be pleased also to let me know whether it be true (which I hear) that our Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, is married to his Maid.'

Feb. 16, 172⅘. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 140). Can give no account of book mentioned in letter of 2nd instant. Has not the tract about the Order of the Garter. Hopes H. has now some account of Mr. Gibbon's papers.

Feb. 18, 172⅘. H. to J. West (Diaries, 106. 127). Long letter about Foxe's Book of Martyrs, &c. 'Mr. Fox was a diligent, learned man, but

Felton, Principal of the said Hall. He was a very civil, good sort of young Man.

Feb. 20 (Sat.). Last Night, at five Clock, Mr. Wilson of Edmund-Hall was buried in St. Peter's in the East Church Yard.

Last night Mr. Whiteside of the Muséum told me that he had it from a very authentick Evidence that one of the five Brothers of the Pendrells, who, under God, were the Instruments of preserving K. Charles II after Worcester fight, waiting upon K. Charles after the Restauration, the King turned aside, & would not so much as look upon him, wch made that poor Man burst into Tears. NB. I cannot credit that story.

Feb. 21 (Sun.). Last night being with many Gentlemen of Xt Church, among whom was also a stranger without a Gown, this Stranger was pleased to shew me a paper with the Inscriptions upon a fine Gold Coyn, found at Camalodunum or Maldon in Essex, but he had not the Coyn, wch is look'd upon by the Owner as worth more than an hundred Guineas. I did not take down the Inscriptions. The Coyn is of Nero, with his head on one side, and Agrippina's on the other.

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being Calvinistically inclin'd, and too zealous against those of another perswasion, he imploy'd a good part of his time in collecting Stories that served any way to lessen the credit of such as he look'd upon as Enemies; and being of a very credulous temper, he very easily believed the Reports that were sent in to him; so that the credit of his Work hath been deservedly call'd in question by many learned and judicious men, Protestants as well as Papists. . . . And methinks Societies should engage in some great Works, either never yet printed, or, if printed, are become either almost or quite as rare as MSS. This I mention upon account of two Prints you lately mentioned, the publishing of which might have been enough for some single person, . . . but, I think, they do not redound much to the Honour of the Members that joyntly concerned themselves, unless they had published them in some great Work, such as a Continuation of Weever.'

Feb. 19, 172⅘. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 106. 131). Wants information about the Calendar of the Scripture, printed by R. Jugge. 'I thank you very kindly for your Caution wth regard to my health, as also for your very good opinion. But I fear you have fix'd upon one that is very unequal to the Task you mention. I had deservedly a great respect for Mr. Bridges, and could wish that his Collections were fitted for the publick. Dr. Bridges himself, when he was here last Summer, talk'd of doing it, provided they would give him Preferment.' Has heard nothing for a long while of Dr. Fiddes or his work. Will mention Walter Brune and his wife in the Preface to Langtoft.

Feb. 20, 172⅘. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 14. 32). Received H.'s of Dec. 15, but has been too busy to reply before. Wants to know for how many subscriptions his father [Mr. Hilkiah Bedford] was concerned. Note about his father. [See Diary, Feb. 25.]

[Feb.] 20, 172⅘. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 139). Parted with Inigo Jones' Stonehenge to Mr. Bateman two years ago. 'The notes in the Margin were writt By one of the Stanhope Family who was Crased, and Nothing at all to ye Purpose of the History. The Affair of Mr. Rawlinson's Mariage is, I Believe, to[o] true, Both of them having told me they have bin Maried above Six Months.'

Feb. 20, 172⅘. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 29). Hopes the books last sent will be of service. [See extract from this letter, Diary, Feb. 23.]

Feb. 22 (Mon.). Last week died Mr. Sadler, in the 71st Year of his Age, of Garsington, near Oxford, a substantial, sensible Farmer, who was Master of a great and happy memory, and a great Master of our English History, about which he would talk to the very great Satisfaction of the Company, and he was so delighted with such Discourse that he would not upon occasion part very soon. His Son, Mr. Joseph Sadler, is about 37 or 38 Years of Age, & hath now (what by the death of his Father, & what by his wife, with whom he had 800 libs. paid down upon the Nail, and what by other Accidents) an Estate of five hundred Pounds per annum. This old Mr. Sadler's Wife (who, I think, is still living) was an Allam, being Sister to Mr. William Allam of Newenham Courtney, and to Mr. Andrew Allam, Vice-Princ. of Edm. Hall. The said William Allam had a Son of both his Names, that I well remember when I was a School-boy, he being then also a School-boy, but at a different School, in the Parish of Bray, near Windsor, at wch time he lived with an Aunt (who was his Father's Sister), viz. Mrs. Mason, the Wife of Mr. John Mason, of Low Brookes in the said Parish of Bray. But the said young Will. Allam died many Years ago.

Feb. 23 (Tu.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, one Walter Price, Esq., being in Oxford, at the King's Arms in Holywell, he sent for me. The Messenger found me out, & told me a Gentleman who could do me considerable service wanted to speak with me. I went, and found him with Sr Charles Lloyd, a young Gentleman late of Xt Ch., and Mr. East, Student of Xt Ch., and another young Gentleman, a stranger, that came with Mr. Price. Mr. Price told me that he was Executor to my Friend, Mr. Walden, who was kill'd in France, & left me an hundred Pounds. He said he would punctually pay me the Money upon his Return to London, wch would be about a Month or six Weeks hence, wch, indeed, I did not exspect, Mr. Cotton being now in France.

Last Night I recd a Letter of the 20th inst. from Mr. Ward of Long-bridge, near Warwick, in wch he desires my opinion about Organs, he having lately met with the following Remark, which he was glad of the opportunity to communicate to me, viz.

That there never were any Organs in Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches in England—before K. Hen. 8th, altho' there were Vicar Choralls, Clerks (or singing men) and Choristers; for no Organists are foundation men (but only as Informator Choristarum), and are admitted as Clerks, and not as Organists, in those Churches.

Feb. 22, 172⅘. **H. to J. Murray** (Rawl. 112. 191). Whatever the notes upon Jones were, would like to have seen them. 'If my Friend, Mr. Rawlinson, be marry'd, I wish him much joy.'

Feb. 22, 172⅘. **J. West to H.** (Rawl. 11. 111). [See account of part of this letter, Diary, Feb. 26.] 'In looking over John Fox's book, I find Your Observations are very Just; yt he is very calvinistically inclined, for he is extremely severe upon the Clergy, & uses reproachfull Words very unbecoming a Man of Learning. I entirely agree with what you say concerning a Body of Men's busying themselves about such Things as would better become private persons, who are not able or enclined to set out more usefull learning. . . . As I valued your friendship & Company above any thing in Oxford, so your letters will be always extremely acceptable.'

I am since inform'd (saith Mr. Ward) *there was Provision made for an Organist at All-Souls, Oxon., long before that time. But you may soon learn the Truth of this, which will infinitely oblige, Sir,*

Your very humble servt,

THO. WARD.

As for this Notion of there being no Organs in Cathedral & Coll. Churches 'till Hen. 8th's time, it is very odd and groundless. I know not the provisions in Colleges & Cathedrals on that account. But 'tis certain that Organs in Churches were very early, as Durantus hath shew'd, de Ritibus Ecclesiæ, l. i, c. 13. K. Edgar founded many Churches, & Organs were placed in them; & particularly in his time Organs are mentioned to be in the Church of Glastonbury by John of Glastonbury in his MS. Chronicle; and since Glastonbury was the Mother Church of this Isle, there is no doubt but other Churches follow'd her in Instrumental Musick, as well as other Things.

Mr. Ward at the same time told me that whereas the Ld Visc. St. Alban's Tryall is newly reprinted, he hath got an Originall Copy of all the Proceedings.

Feb. 24 (Wed., St. Matthias). Mr. Samuel May of London, in a Letter of the 6th of this inst., tells me that the title of the little piece about General Monk that he bought out of Mr. Rawlinson's collection is this, *The pidgree and descent of General Monk from King Edward the third, by a branch of the white rose of York; with the Title and descents of the Houses of York and Lancaster; London, printed for Will. Godbid,* 1659. It may be found in the third part of Mr. Rawlinson's collection, among the English History, in Quarto, No. 140.

Feb. 25 (Th.). Mr. Wm Bedford informs me, by Letter of the 20th instant, that his Father, my Friend, the late Mr. Hilkiah Bedford, if he had liv'd to July 23d, 1725, would have been 62 years old.

Yesterday meeting with Mr. Bourchier of Worcester College, he told me he had a MS. lent him, to be put for some time into my hands, coming from Bristol, where he hath been lately, containing Polychronicon, Sidonius, & Solinus.

This day, in the Forenoon, rung the bells in Oxford for one Mr. Scandret, a craz'd old Mercer by Cairfax, who died this Morning. He hath a Son that was of Pembroke Coll., & is Curate to Dr. Stratford at Little Shelford in Berks.

Also about the same time rang the bells for Mr. Harris, a farmer in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxford, who died about the same time.

Also about the same time the bells rung for young Mr. Loder (lately commoner of Exeter Coll.), of Hinton, near Faringdon in Berks., who married the Daughter of the Widow Stokesley in the Turl, Oxford,

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[Feb. 25, 172⅘.] T. R[awlinson] to H. (Rawl. 16. 49). 'Do yr pleasure about Me. Mr. Hannam, now dead, was to have paid You some Money in his way. Wtever attend me, I never meant You should loose by me.' [PS.] 'Sr, I hope You were acquainted always You might have wt books You pleas'd upon ye Account, for so other Creditours have had.'

who keeps a Coffee House. It seems, he died pretty suddenly two or three days ago, leaving his Wife big with Child, by whom he had no Child before.

Last Night Mr. Eedes, a Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, told me that he was two or three Years at an Academy at Tewksbury in Glouc.shire, the Governour whereof, since dead, was one Mr. Jones. This Mr. Eedes's Mother is (or, at least, was) a Presbyterian, and is now living at Witney, but his Father, who was a Clergyman, was of the Univ. of Oxford, where he took the Degree of M.A., as a Member of St. Mary Hall, June 19, 1691, being Theo. Eedes. This Mr. Eedes, the Son, went for some time to school at the Free School of Witney, under Mr. Goole, but Mr. Goole whipping him once (and it seems but once, as I heard Mr. Eedes say), he would never go thither afterwards, but got himself transplanted, protesting that if he were continued, he would run away. And, indeed, it was a trick, among the Dissenters especially, to represent Mr. Goole as a barbarously severe man, who, altho', it may be, he had some Indiscretions, such as making boys whip one another round the School, &, when he whipped himself, of taking a turn round the School between every lash, yet he was, and is, a good schoolmaster and a good scholar, and look'd upon as an honest Man, so far as complyers may be stiled such.

Dr. Coney, who is Rector of Chedzoy, near Bridgwater, & is Prebendary of Wells, hath ten Children living by his first Wife, but he hath no child as yet by his second Wife.

Mr. Eedes told me last night that the Governour of the Academy at Tewkesbury taught Hebrew, and that he himself learn'd Hebrew with him, and went through the Book of Genesis.

Meeting Mr. Burton of Corpus Xti College on Monday last, when he was just going (being on horse back) to ride with two or three more Gentlemen out of Town to Abbington, he told me he was at Eaton at Xtmass last, and compar'd Xenophon's 'Ανάβασις with the MS. there.

The above mentioned Mr. Loder's elder brother died some time since, not lamented at all by his Father, he having, it seems, been sottish. He was ill but two or three days. Having a cold, he lay down in the Church Yard, sighing, and saying, 'Here I must be laid very speedily,' and died the next day.

Feb. 26 (Fri.). Mr. West informs me, by Letter of the 22d inst., that he was on Saturday last with Norroy, with whom he turn'd over all the Papers that formerly belonged to Mr. Gibbon. They are chiefly relating to Heraldry, except some few concerning Judicial Astrology, Impulses, Dæmons, &c. There is nothing relating to Stonehenge among them, except a Leaf at the End of Dr. Charlton's printed Book, which is, indeed, wrote by Mr. Gibbon, but contains only extracts from Charlton, without any mention of its being British.

Looking over some old Things, Mr. West met with a printed Brief (the oldest he ever saw) granted by K. H. 8th to Thomas Bourege of Kent, who being reduced to great poverty by his house and barns being burnt, is by this impowered to collect and receive the charitable devocion of well disposed People in Kent and Sussex, directed to the Arch bishopes,

Bishopes, &c., bearing Date, under the great Seale att Westminster, the xxiii day of Januarij, in xxxiii yere of his reygne.

At the same time Mr. West informs me that Mr. Tanner, Brother to the Chancellor, his Collection of Inscriptions, Statues, Bas-Reliefs, Prints, & Drawings were, the week before the date of his letter, sold by Auction. Dr. Mead bought many fine things. He was an eminent Surgeon, had been in Italy, and had spent a great deal of Money in collecting.

Feb. 27 (Sat.). Yesterday Morning died old Mr. Ellis of Sunningwell, and the Bell went for him there at 8 Clock that Morning. He died at his House there, leaving a Widow behind him (who is Sister to my Compositor at the Theater printing House, Mr. Joseph Brookland), and three Sons by her, one of wch (the eldest) is a Compositor at the Theater printing House also. This old Mr. Ellis, of whom I have made mention above, p. 89, was a very honest, worthy Man, and a good Scholar, and was Schoolmaster at Sunningwell many Years, thereby getting a comfortable support. For as for his being Minister of Kennington, it was a poor thing of about 5 or six pounds per annum. Yet he served at Kennington with great diligence, and was mightily beloved both at Sunningwell and Kennington. He used every Sunday, all the year round, to walk to Kennington, wch kept him in health, he being always very hearty, till at last very lately he was seiz'd with a Dropsy, which carried him off. The chief people of Kennington used every Sunday to give him a Dinner, every one in their turns. He was many Years ago presented to the Living of Sunningwell by Mr. Baskervill the younger, who died lately, and the presentation was good, but one Benj. Marshall of Xt Ch. took care to defeat the Presentation, by collecting a great many malicious stories against Mr. Ellis. The said Marshall being a great Whig, & having a mind himself to the living, poor Mr. Ellis lost it, & one Cary now hath it, who was of Xt Ch., but is not at all belov'd at Sunningwell, being by no means a good preacher. Mr. Ellis was educated at Dublin. Marshall himself thought to have got a lapse of Sunningwell to Dr. Burnet, Bp of Salisbury, who, he knew, would thereupon presently put him in. Whereupon, Mr. Baskervill presented Cary, on purpose that Marshall should not have it, and thereupon he, the said Cary, was instituted by the Bishop. As for Marshall himself, he is an half strain'd Man, & is now Rector of Naunton in Gloucestershire. Some Years agoe he published Chronological Tables, printed at Oxford in his own Name, tho' the true Author was his Relation, Dr. Wm Lloyd, then Bishop of Worcester, & even just now he hath published an 8vo English Book about Daniel's Weeks, upon wch Subject Bp Lloyd had begun to print a Book, and at least ten Sheets of it were wrought off at the Theater Press, but being not finished at the Press, this Marshall hath pillaged the Bp's Papers, and published one under his own Name.

Feb. 28 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal of Sat., Feb. 27, 1725:—

On Sunday (Febr. 21), about Two in the Afternoon, died at her House at

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Feb. 28, [172⅘]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 88). Can learn nothing about the Calendar of the Scripture. [See Diary, March 20.] 'You see

Chelsea, the Lady Rawlinson, Relict of the late Sir Thomas Rawlinson, formerly Lord Mayor of this City.

NB. She was Mother to my Friends, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., and Dr. Richard Rawlinson.

We hear that the Lord George Dowglas, Brother to his Grace the Duke of Queensberry, died lately at Paris.

NB. He was a most pretty, good natured, beautifull Gentleman, & my great acquaintance when he was lately Nobleman of Xt Church, and I am very sorry for his death.

Mr., now Dr., Ralph Bridges inform'd me, by Letter from Southweald in Essex, April 10, 1724, his late Brother John Bridges Esqr's Collections about Northamptonshire are very large and curious, and cou'd a workman be found of abilities equal to the materials, the Publick might sometime or other hope to be the better for them, he having by his last will ordered them to be carefully preserv'd in his Family. But his Library is appointed to be sold.

Last Night being with many Gentlemen of Xt Church, one of them, Mr. Mariott, Bach. of Arts, gave me a paper, being put into his hands for me by Mr. Goodwin, the Gentleman mentioned above, p. 134, 135, who then shew'd it me, giving me an account of the Maldon Medall, which paper I have not only here transcrib'd, but inserted, viz.

[1] The Golden Medall of Nero's Coine that was found by one digging in a Feild near the Town of Malden, in Essex, which is kept by the Bayliffs of ye sd Town as a Monument of Antiquity, weighs in common Gold weight 5 pennywt wanting 5 Grains [2]:—

NERO : CLAVD	AGRIPP · AVG
DIVI : F · CAES	DIVI · CLAVD
AVG : GERM · IMP ·	NERONIS · CAES
TR · P · COS · —	MATER . —
	— EXSC · —[1]

March 1 (Mon.). Wm Budæus did not learn Greek 'till he was of an advanced Age, but when he engag'd in that Study, he became very eminent, so as to be deservedly look'd upon as one of the best Græcians that latter times have produced. Tho' Erasmus exceeded him in Latin,

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Mr. Anstis's Book is publisht, where your Books have been of good use to him, as they will always be to all our Antiquaries.'

[Feb.], 172$\frac{4}{5}$. **H. to T. Rawlinson** (Rough draft, Diaries, 115. 92b). 'I write this Letter on purpose to wish you joy of your new state of life, wch I have heard of from several hands. It seems you owned on the 3d instant that you had been married six Months before. [See Diary, Feb. 13.] But before I give intire credit to Reports of this nature, I should be very willing to be inform'd of the truth of the matter by yourself, and I therefore beg that you would write a line or two in order to satisfy both myself & others, perhaps, that may be ready to put the question to me. However, if you do not write (wch I wish might be done in a fortnight's time), I shall conclude that you are really married, tho' I should endeavour to be silent if any discourse should be started about it.'

[1–1] [This is a copy of the inserted account.]

[2] [The words, 'The Impression thereon is as hereunder,' are struck out here.]

yet Budæus was far superior to Erasmus in Greek. He could both speak and write it elegantly, as if it were his Mother Tongue. He was extremely critical in it, and, to know the various ways of writing and pronouncing, he was very inquisitive after old MSS. and Inscriptions. But Inscriptions were not so common then as now, when great Treasures have been discovered in Asia Minor, which have illustrated many Things relating to the Ancient Magistrates and to the Greek Customs, as also have Coyns, tho' Coyns are not so serviceable as the former; by reason of the little room on them for expressing any Circumstance in History.

Mr. Tag told me to-day that he hath seen receipts by wch it appears that Paradice Garden, which he rents, was then let for seven Pounds per annum, whereas now it stands him in near fourty Pounds per an.

Mr. Andrus, the Letter Founder, told me to-day, that he is fourty seven Years of Age.

March 2 (Tu.). Yesterday Morning one Will. Atwood, lately a Tapster at the Grey Hound and the Angel Inns in Oxford, and now at last to one Haynes at the New Inn, by Cairfax in that City, drowned himself at the Bridge where Fryer Bacon's study is, having been melancholy for some time, partly occasioned by Haynes's proving (as he is) a Rascal to him, and partly by a Wife he had married at Banbury, when some time agoe he left Oxford & dwelt there, and she, knowing him to have about fourscore pounds, married him purely on that account, spent what he had, & run him in debt, which made him come to Oxford again, but being in danger of being apprehended upon account of her debts, he grew mopish, and so made away with himself, being look'd upon as a very honest Man, tho' at best but crazed.

This Paper, taken out of the beginning of a Physical Book, was given me by Mr. Richd Clements, March 2d, 1724:—

[1] Jo. Edwards, in Medic. Bac. ex
Ædе Christi, obijt Oxonij,
14° die Julij, Anno D. 1650,
et ætatis suæ 40.

Octo lustrorum nondum compleverat Orbem
Qui iacet hìc: res est mira, quòd et Medicus.
Ite, quibus vana est artis fiducia; Verum
Ornamentum Artis contegit hic tumulus.
Vulgi mors loquitur mortali lege caduca
Omnia, sed Medici iam peritura Probat:
Cùm perimit plebem, Morti victoria cedit[2];
Cùm perimit medicos, Io. Triumphe, tonat[3].[1]

March 2, 172⅘. H. to J. West (Diaries, 106. 153). More about Mr. Gibbon's Discourse on Stonehenge. The Brief is a curiosity. 'I did not know 'till you told me that Mr. Tanner, the Surgeon, was so curious a Man. His brother, the Chancellour, gave me directions to lodge some Books with him; but if he be dead, I must have fresh orders. I should be glad to hear what kind of Inscriptions he had collected, & whether there were many that have not been printed.'

[1–1] [This inscription is written on an inserted slip of paper.]
[2] [Above 'Morti victoria cedit' is written 'turget mors improba Victrix.']
[3] [Above 'tonat' is written 'canit.']

March 3 (Wed.). On Monday, in the Afternoon, old Mr. Ellis was buried in Sunningwell Church.

Mr. Nic. Cox shew'd me this Morning a Bible Pot folio of Taverner's Revising, printed in 1539, but the Title at Beginning is wanting, as there are several other Imperfections, but the Title of the N. Test. is intire, viz. *The New Testament of our sauiour Jesu Christ, translated in to English and newly recognised with great diligence after moost faythfull exemplars by Rycharde Taverner.* Prynted in the yere of oure Lorde God MDXXXIX.

March 4 (Th.[1]). Yesterday, in the Evening, the Judges came from Reading to Oxford for the Lent Assizes. And this Morning the Sermon was preach'd before them at St. Marie's by Dr. De Laune, President of St. John's Coll. The Judges are Mr. Baron Price and Mr. Justice Denton. This Denton was Commoner of Edmund Hall when I was Undergraduate. He took no degree at Oxford. He was an early Riser at the Hall, & studious. He was sober, but very stingy. He was always a Whig.

Old Mrs. Swan, of St. Clement's, near Oxford, was born at Ridmerly in Worcestershire, 12 Miles from Worcester.

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March 6 (Sat.). Yesterday the Assizes ended at Oxford, when a Man was condemned to be hang'd for the Murther of his Wife, at one of the Bartons (near Woodstock), where he lived.

Mist's Journal for this day:—

The Rt Hon. Lord St. John of Bletsoe was married this Week to the youngest Daughter of the late Sir Ambrose Crawley.

March 7 (Sun.). Memorandum that in the Oxford Almanack for the Year 1725 there is a Catalogue of the Deans of Xt Church, in wch, however, is very partially left out Mr. Dean Massey, who, nevertheless, was as much a Dean of that House as ever any one was, he having been appointed by a rightfull King, King James II, and being installed & lived amongst them with great respect (for he was an ingenious, good natured Man), 'till he was forced to go off. He hath not been dead long, if he be, indeed, dead yet. A few Years since, Mr. Middleton, Chaplain of Merton Coll. (of wch College Dean Massey had been), told me he saw him in France, at Paris, in a very chearfull condition.

March 5, 172⅘. H. to E. Sheldon (Diaries, 107. 1). Obliged for letter of 13th ult. [See Diary, Feb. 15.] Has not seen Dr. Frewin, and it is now too late to consult the Lives of the Saints. If there were a catalogue of E. S.'s MSS., would be glad to see it. 'Your Father acted very honourably by Mr. Wood. Your Account of that Affair hath given me great Satisfaction.'

March 5, 172⅘. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 14. 46). Dr. Wilkins has found the MS. of Langtoft in the Lambeth Library. Sends account of it.

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[1] [MS. 'Wedn.']

I was told to-day by Mrs. Holman, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., that one Mr. Twining of the Devizes, or at least near that place, hath something to impart to me about Antiquities, particularly about the Antiquities of the Devizes, that he was formerly of All Souls Coll., & that he hath published a Book about Antiquities. NB. I do find that one Tho. Twining took the Degree of M.A., as a Member of All-Souls Coll., Mar. 7, 1688, and I do suppose that he is the Man, but I never heard any thing eminent, or, indeed, any thing at all, of him.

March 8 (Mon.). The said Twining that was of All Souls Coll. is the person, and I am told he hath written and published some Book in Antiquities. It seems, he was Servitour of that College. He gave a Silver Tankard to the College.

March 9 (Tu.). On Friday Night last Mr. Rolleston, Fellow of Merton Coll., Nephew to Dr. Mead, told me that one Gordon, a Scottish Man, hath put out Proposals for printing by Subscription, in Folio, an Account of all the Roman Antiquities in Scotland. I know not who this Gordon is, but I formerly went to School at the Free School of Bray, near Windsor in Berks., to one Mr. Patrick Gordon (but he is different from this), and he it was I learned my Accidence from. He is now Prebendary of Hereford, and is a good Scholar, particularly in Hebrew, having been Professor of the Hebrew Tongue in Aberdeen. There was also another Patrick Gordon, that writ the Geography, but I think he is dead.

March 10 (Wed.). This Morning, about seven Clock, died, of the Yellow Jaundice, Mrs. Jenkins, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, Widow of the late Mr. Jenk[in]s of that Parish, Barber, and eldest Daughter of the late Mr. William Sherwin, Yeoman Beadle of Div. to the Univ. of Oxford. She was a very good, honest Woman, & industrious. She died in the 63d Year of her Age, leaving three Daughters behind her, the two eldest living with her unmarried, but the youngest married to one in the Plantations, with whom she lives very well. She left also a Son, who is an Iron-monger in London.

March 11 (Th.). Mr. West writes me word from London, in a Letter of the 9th, that Mr. Le Neve, the Herald, hath a MS. which he takes to be Skelton the Poet Laureat's. It is in his Metre, and is entituled, *The ymage of Ypocrisy.*

Roger Holman, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, was yesterday fifty two Years of age, being born March 10, 1672.

March 9, 172⅘. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 113). Mr. Le Neve has given J. W. some cuts and an old deed for H., which will be sent with a catalogue of Mr. Tanner's Collection and the copy of the Brief. Mentions Mr. Anstis's book. [See Diary, July 9.] Mr. Le Neve inquires about Aristotle's Metaphysics. Does H. wish to see the Image of Ypocresy? [See Diary, March 11.]

March 10, 172⅘. H. to E. Burton (Diaries, 107. 5). Thanks for letter of 5th instant. Finds there is nothing in the Lambeth MS. but what he has already. Langtoft may be finished in two months. 'I am not fix'd for my next Work. Any Intelligences from you will be very acceptable.'

Mrs. Catharine Piddington, Daughter of the Widow Piddington, of St. Peter's Parish aforesaid, was born on March 17th, 1708.

I have by me a Sermon intit., Sinne no more, or, a Sermon preached in the Parish Church of Banbury, on Tuesday, the fourth of March last past, upon occasion of a most terrible fire that happened there on the Sabbath day immediately precedent, and within the space of foure houres was carried from the one end of the Towne to the other, with that fury as, continuing to burne all the night, and much of the next day, it consumed 103 dwelling houses, 20 kilne-houses, and other out-houses, to the number of 660 bayes, and upwards, together with so much malt, and other graine and commodities, as amounted at the least to the value of twenty thousand pounds; Lond., 1630, the 3d Ed., 4o.

March 12 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Allen, Rector of Kettering in Northamptonshire, hath just published a little Thing in 8vo, which he intitles, *An Apology for the Church of England, or, The Clergyman's Free Gift*, against the Railings and Slanders of one Woolston, who had been Fellow of Sidney College in Cambridge, but is now crazed, as this Allen also is. This is the same Allen that I formerly mentioned about an English Greek Grammar, &c.

March 13 (Sat.). Mr. Williams, of Oxford, Upholsterer, told me on[1] Thursday last, that one Mr. Baker, Wiredrawer in the Cornmarket, Oxford, hath lately procur'd an old Map of Oxford, tho' very much damag'd, wch, it seems, he hath been getting this ten Years. He had it at Stanton Harcourt. I suppose it to be Agas's in Q. Eliz's. time.[2]

Last Night Mrs. Jenkins was buried in the Church-yard of St. Peter's in the East, by her Husband and eight Children.

March 14 (Sun.). Mr. Burman of Christ-Church told me last night that whereas Pers de Gaveston, Earl of Cornwall (a great Favourite of Edw. II), was beheaded, anno 1312, under the side of Blacklow Hill, near Warwick, there is now an old Inscription cut out in the Rock, that signifys the very place of that Execution, wch Inscription, he said, he had seen several times, tho' 'twas not commonly known. Sir Wm Dugdale, p. 183 of his Antiquities of Warwicksh., tells us that in the place where he was beheaded, since that time stood a Cross, call'd *Gaverston's Cross*, but says nothing of an Inscription. Leland, in his Coll., vol. ii, p. 306, mentions this Affair in these Words, telling us that he was beheaded by a Welshman: *Anno Domini* 1311, *Petrus Gaverston captus apud Dadington in bor. part. Angl., & in die S. Gervasij & Prothasij à quodam Wallense decollatus juxta Blakelaw in regio vico, qui vocatur Gaversyth, & paulo post apud Langleiam, præsente domino rege, cum magno honore sepelitur.*

March 15 (Mon.). Memorand. that Mr. Browne Willis of Whaddon-Hall, being this day in Oxford, bought of Mr. Wilmot, Bookseller,

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March 15, 172⅘. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 11). Thanks to Mr. Le Neve for his present. Will be glad to see the Image of Ypocresy. Has

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[1] [MS. 'one'.]

[2] It is Agas's.

Eachard's History of England, in three Volumes (2d hand, tho' as good, as it were, as new), for twenty seven shillings.

March 16 (Tu.). Mr. Willis told me that his Lady was near fourty Years old when she died, if not quite, her Mother being more than 38 when she was born. He said he hath eight children living, 4 boys & 4 Girls, and that his Wife was very near her time of another Child when she died, and that she catch'd cold by a Journey to Bath.

He told me he hath got Caxton's Chronicle, but I could not find that 'tis of Caxton's own Edition.

He told me he is printing some notable Book (so he stiled it), in wch the Wickedness of the marry'd Clergy is expos'd. Mr. Willis wants accuracy and judgment, as appears from all his things, except the Mitred Abbeys in Leland's Coll., wch cost me a vast deal of pains to adjust & derive credit upon him. For 'twas strange stuff 'till I had modell'd & examin'd the whole.

March 17 (Wed.). Mr. Willis said (and it is very true) that Dr. Fiddes's Life of Cardinal Woolsey is a very poor performance.

Mr. Big, Warden of New College, lately brought home to the College his Wife, he having (as 'tis said) been married two or three Years. The said Mr. Bigg's Father died since Mr. Big was elected, as I hear.

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not Aristotle's Metaphysics: if Mr. Le Neve's be Friar Bacon's translation, it may be of value. 'Bp Fell had a design of having all his [Friar Bacon's] works that he could meet with printed together... at the Theater.' Thanks for Mr. Tanner's Catalogue. Hoped that among his inscriptions there might have been some of the ancient ψηφίσματα. The inscription in the rock at Blacklow Hill by Warwick is valuable, as showing the place where Piers de Gaveston was beheaded. [See Diary, March 14.]

March 16, 172⅘. H. to T. Rawlinson (Rawl. 34. 101). 'I never thought in the least that you design'd I should loose any thing by you. The only inducement of my writing what I did was upon account of my being mov'd to enter my self among your Creditors; but as I absolutely declin'd this, so I still decline it (notwithstanding your saying, *do your pleasure about me*), and therefore, instead of sending any state of the Affairs to any one else, I have now sent to you only, without so much as letting anyone else know thereof. You write in a Postscript, *I hope you were acquainted always you might have what books you pleas'd upon the Account, for so other Creditours have had.* I assure you, Sir, I never was acquainted with this 'till you were pleas'd to inform me in your last Letter.' [PS.] 'I have been told that, your Mother being dead, you will dispose of no more books, but pay now in specie.' [At the back of the letter is a detailed account of the money owed by Rawlinson to Hearne for copies of Leland's Collectanea, the Acta Apostolorum, &c., amounting to £64 10*s.* 7*d.*] 'But then, I well remember what I told you on Nov. 22, 1715, that the ten Copies of Leland in large paper, Sir John Evelyn's Copy of Leland in small Paper, and the two Copies of Acta Apostolorum (all which come to twenty five Pounds ten Shillings) should never be mentioned by me as a Debt, tho' if you should at any time offer any thing for them to me, it would be very acceptable, a thing I cannot exspect you should, unless your Circumstances are much better'd (as I am told they are, so as to have an accession of six hundred libs. per an.) by the Death of your Mother. But I must and will mind my promise, and therefore, not insisting upon the said 25 libs. 10*s.* as a Debt, you will owe me, without any thing of that Sum, thirty nine Pounds seven Pence.'

Mr. Willis complaining of a Rheumatism in his hands, as well as legs, &c., Dr. Frewin advised him to go to the Bath, & (that the humour might not settle) not to write much.

March 18 (Th.). From one old Cripps, a Mason in St. Gyles's, Oxon., who does many Jobbs in the Country, such as Grave Stones, &c.:—

In Goring (near Henley) Church Yard.

Here lies an honest man: Reader, if thou seek more,
Thou art not to thy self; for honesty is store
Of Commendations; and it is more praise
To dye an honest man, then full of dayes.

Here lies the body of John Ford of Goring,
who dyed, Feb. 16th, 1718, *aged* 65 *years.*

Memorand. that the said Epitaph was taken from a printed Book of that kind, out of wch Crips shew'd it me torn, but what the Title of the Book is, I know not. But by that Fragment containing this Epitaph, it appears to be printed in the white Letter. The Epitaph in the Fragmt is intit., *An honest Epitaph.* Queen Elizabeth's Book of Prayers, pr. at Lond., an. 1590, 4°, hath several Things of this nature, but it is printed in the black Letter.

Yesterday being looking upon the first Vol. of Hollingshede's Chron., of the 1st Ed., at the Bell in the Corn Market, Oxford, there happened to be a Man there who lived in St. Gyles's Parish, and said he hath got a folio MS., finely done with many Pictures to illustrate the Stories, being a Chronicle from the beginning of the World, in English. The Author, he said, appears to have been one Thomas De Laune. He said he had been offered seven Guineas for it, that Mr. Rawlinson (I suppose, Dr. Richd Rawlinson) of St. John's Coll. formerly saw it, and said there was not the like. He said he had lent it out more than once, & that by that means two or three leaves had been gone, & that therefore he would never lend it any more.

March 20 (Sat.). Mr. Bagford, in some MSS. Papers given me by Mr. Baker, mentioning a scarce Book, call'd *The Calendar of Scripture*, &c., I writ about it to my Friend, Mr. Baker, at Cambridge, who, in a Letter of the 28th of Febr. last, informs me that he hath enquired (by himself or Friends) at all their considerable Libraries for this Book, but can hear no tidings of it. All the further light he can give me is by sending the Title from Maunsel's Catalogue, where the Author's Name appearing may possibly lead me to a Discovery in some of our own Libraries: *A Calendar of the Scripture, wherein the Hebrew, Chaldean, Arabian, Phenician, Sirian, and Persian, Greeke, and Latine names of Nations, Countries, Men, Women, Idols, Citties, Rivers, Hilles, and of other*

March 19, 172⅘. H. to R. Graves (Diaries, 107. 18). To what saint is the Priory of Bourne, or Brunne, co. Linc., dedicated in Capt. Stevens' Monasticon? Wants to know what Dr. Skinner's Etymologicon says about Campden, co. Glouc.

places, in the Bible mentioned, by order of Letters are set downe, and turned into English, by William Patten. Printed by Richard Jugge, 1575, *in* 4.

Mist's Journal for Sat., March 20, 1725:—

They write from Paris, March 21 [*sic*], that an extraordinary Courier from Rome brought Advice that, on the 7th Instant, Princess Sobieski, Spouse of the Chevalier de S^{t}. George, was brought to Bed of a Son.

We hear that last Week were solemniz'd the following Marriages, viz. one between a Son of M^{r}. Auditor Harley and a Sister of William Morgan, of Tredegar, Esq. Another between the Honourable James Brudenel, Esq., Brother to the Earl of Cardigan, and a Daughter of William Burton, of Luffenham in the County of Rutland, Esq. And another between the young Earl of Shaftsbury and the Hon. M^{rs}. Noel, Sister to the Earl of Gainsborough.

NB. This E. of Shaftsbury, who is about 14 or 15 Years of age, was very lately entered as a Nobleman of New-College.

On Monday Evening a Fire broke out at an Inn in the Town of Buckingham, which, we hear, hath consum'd above 100 dwelling Houses.

We are told by the last Advices from Paris that the Pope himself baptised the Chevalier de S^{t}. George's Son, on the same Day that he was born; and that he was call'd at Rome by the Title of Duke of York and Albany.

March 21 (Sun.). There is just printed at London a new Ed. in English of Maundevile's Travells, price half a Guinea. It is in 8vo, and is done from a MS. in the Cottonian Library. There is an Explication of obsolete Words at the End. The Editor's Name is not added.

March 22 (Mon.). M^{r}. Roger Holman was married to his present (being his second) Wife, Jan. 25, 1698. Her Name, Priscilla Sheen.

March 23 (Tu.). On Saturd. Night last I spent the Evening with M^{r}. W^{m} Oldsworth, formerly of Hart-Hall, an ingenious Man, who afterwards writ against a vile Book call'd, *The Rights of the X^{tian} Church.* He also was Author of a noted Paper that came out every week, call'd *The Examiner.*

I last night saw M^{r}. Eckton, that belongs to the First Fruits & Tenths Office, & published *The Valor Beneficiorum,* that takes in Q. Anne's Bounty to the Clergy.

M^{r}. Powell of Sandford told me this Afternoon that one M^{r}. Alnet, about fourscore years of age, is lately dead somewhere about Woodcot, near Reading, very rich, and tho' he had very many poor Relations, yet he left it all to one Clements, a Farmer of Sandford, yet so as a good deal of it to be imploy'd in charitable Uses.

Also that one M^{r}. Hungat died lately, & left all to Sir Charles Browne, of Kiddington, near Woodstock, supposed to be thirty or fourty thousand Pounds.

March 24 (Wed.). On Monday last the Man of Barton that was

March 22, 172⅘. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 107. 22). Thanks for title of Calendar of the Scripture. Has not yet seen Mr. Anstis's book. Hears that a catalogue of Mr. Bridges' books is printed, but does not expect to see it. Inquires about the word *haga.* Supposes Dr. Waterland has met with nothing in the Trinity College MS. but what is already published.

condemn'd for murdering his Wife, last Oxford Assizes, was hang'd in the Afternoon in the Castle Yard at Oxford; but tho' the matter had been so plain, and he was known to be a sad Fellow, he died without confessing the Act, persisting in his Innocency. Yet 'tis said he prayed very heartily at the Gallowes.

Yesterday, very early in the Morning, one Glover, a lusty Man about six foot high, a little more than fourty Years of age, and a lissome person, who bore a good character, and kept the Crown Inn in Woodstock, was found dead upon the Road, somewhere about Begbrooke, in his way to Woodstock, having been at Oxford the day before, in the Afternoon, to bespeak some Wine of M^r. Bradgate at the Three Tun Tavern in Oxford, who served him with Wine. Bradgate and he drank a pint of Wine apiece, after w^ch this Glover call'd upon one [1] Robert Matthews, Uncle to his Wife, and[1] Keeper of Bocardo Prison in Oxford, where, 'tis said, he drank some Ale and Brandy, which disordered him, I suppose, and it being, withall, a very dark Night, it might be the occasion of his death.

March 25 (Th., Ladyday), 1725. The said Glover's Wife is a jolly and very handsome Woman. I am told Glover went out of Oxford pretty soon in the Evening, that a dead horse happening to lye in the Road above Begbrooke, his own Horse thereupon startled, and pitching him upon his head in a Cart Rut, broke his Neck.

This day walking to Rewly, I saw many Alterations making on the North side of the Remains of that House, now turned into a Brew House, particularly a passage made through the Wall for better convenience of the Place, as it is now a Brew-House.

March 26 (Good Fri.). There is just come out an half broad sheet of Paper, printed on one side, call'd, *The last dying Speech and Confession of John Protheroe, born the 1^st^ of Nov., 1691, near Eversham in Worcestershire, who was executed at Oxford on Mond., March 22, 1725, for the barbarous Murder of his Wife.* It is the same that is here inserted [2], and is a downright formal lye. It was printed by Leon. Litchfield at Oxford, tho' it be said to be printed at Lond. There is no doubt of the Fellow's being guilty of the Murder. He had been a sad, vile Wretch, and is said to have murdered one of his Children before. Not one person appeared in his behalf, no, not even at his Execution, even so much as to take care

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March 25, 1725. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 114). The Image of Ypocresy, the MS. of Aristotle's Metaphysics, and other books will be sent by Saturday's coach. Mentions Mr. Anstis, Dr. Stukeley, and Mr. Anderson. [See Diary, March 28.] Jones', Charlton's, and Webb's treatises on Stonehenge have been published this week.

March 26, 1725. H. to R. Graves (Diaries, 107. 30). Is Hob More, near York, a marshy or dry ground? 'In the South parts of England we confound *moor* and *meer*, whereas the latter really signifys moist ground, and the former barren ground.'

[1—1] [This is altered from 'Francis Matthews, who was his Brother in law, they having married two Sisters.']

[2] [It is inserted between pp. 28 and 29 of the MS.]

of his Corps. His own Son, a boy of about 7 or 8 Years old (tho' his Witness was not legal), upon examination, declar'd how his Father abused his mother just before she died, and there appear'd a great Contusion in her forehead. She was dead before he call'd M. B. (i. e., as I am told, Mary Baily), and her smock being all bloudy, he had pull'd it off, and put her on a clean one, and set her against the Bed. He behav'd himself impudently at his Tryal, and threatened the Witnesses and the Jury.

March 27 (Sat.). My Friend, W^m^ Bromley, Esq., Son of M^r^. Bromley of Bagginton, was, on Monday was Sennight, chosen, without any opposition, Member of Parliament for Fowey, a Burrough Town in Cornwall.

His Brother, M^r^. Francis Bromley, Student of X^t^ Ch., told me last Night that M^r^. Rich^d^ King, formerly Chaplain of Christ Church, as a Member of w^ch^ he took the Degree of M.A., June 27, 1681, was a Non-Juror, and he believed as good a man as lived. It seems, he dwelt some time at M^r^. Bromley's at Bagginton, having a little Cell in the Garden.

Mist's Journal of March 27, 1725:—

By our last Letters from Italy, we learn that a great many Persons of the first Rank in Rome, as well Cardinals as Laity, were present at the Birth of the Son of the Chevalier de S^t^. George; among the rest, Cardinal Alberoni, and Cardinal Poligniac, the Governor of Rome, the Conservators of the Roman People, the Roman Senate, the Ambassador of Poland, the Secretary of Spain, the Princess Piombino, and several English and Scotch Lords and Ladies; and that the Canon of the Castle of S^t^. Angels were discharged to give notice of it to the People.

NB. I hear he is baptiz'd Henry. He is Duke of York.

Gloucester, March 20. Last Tuesday died one M^r^. Hoborough, of Hampton in this County, a considerable Clothier; he was bit by a mad Dog, and dy'd raving mad a few Days after.

March 28 (Easter Sun.). My Friend, M^r^. James West, tells me, in a Letter from Lond. of the 25^th^, that M^r^. Anstis's book is reckoned very dear, that in his preface he hath mentioned M^r^. Whiteside as sending him M^r^. Ashmole's MSS. Additions to his History. Also that that day (March 25^th^) D^r^. Stukeley published his Itinerarium curiosum, containing 100 Cuts of English Antiquities, price 2 Guineas. And that a very ingenious Gentleman, whose Name is Anderson, is now in London, and is compiling a new History of Scotland, extracted intirely from original Charters, Records, &c.

March 28, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 103). Has two copies of Domesday Book as far as it concerns 'Burgus Cantebrig.' The word *haga* does not occur in either. Sorry H. has not met with Mr. Anstis's book. 'It is a great work, & worth your looking into, when you happen to meet with it, . . . but the Arms & other Cuts have run it up to a price too high for most private Studies.' Note on Mr. Proast's Case. Can't say what Dr. Waterland intends. If he receives a copy of Mr. Bridges' Catalogue, will send it H.

March 29 (Mon.). Yesterday Morning I rec^{d} from my Friend, M^{r}. James West, now at London, a Paper MS. in Folio, w^{ch} he borrow'd for me of Peter Le Neve, Norroy King of Arms, Esq. It consists of four Parts, and is call'd, *The Image of Ypocresy*. The Author's Name does not occurr, but M^{r}. Le Neve justly supposes that the Author was John Skelton, Poët Laureat in the time of King Henry the VIIIth. I make mention of this piece in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft, voc. *wroken*.

D^{r}. Irish, Fellow of All-Souls College, tells M^{r}. Ives, the Apothecary, that he (the said D^{r}.) is in the 78th year of his Age.

[Extract from Domesday Book omitted.]

March 31 (Wed.). Yesterday I walk'd (it being a very fine day) to Norcot, just by Abbington, a Place (as I have heard say) that belong'd to the Prior of Abbington. Thence I struck off thro' Sunningwell Field, in w^{ch} Sir John Stonehouse of Radley is making large Inclosures, to Sunning, and came by Foxcombe Hill to Chilswell Farm, where I took more notice of the Ground than ever I had done before. I take Chilswell to be so call'd from Cissa, a petty King of the West Saxons, who granted the place to his Nephew Heane, to build an Abbey on, w^{ch} he accordingly began, but 'twas afterwards translated to Seuksham. Cissa was first buried at Chilswell, then called the Mount of Abbendun, but he was afterwards removed to Seuksham. Seuksham was called Abbington, after the Abbey was built there. A little way South East from Chilswell is a little Wood or Coppice, call'd Pinsgrove. This is the Pinnesgrave mentioned in the Monasticon Angl., Vol. i, p. 97, where 'tis said the Mount of Abendune was near it.

John Skelton, in his *Image of Ypocresy*, among other scurrilous expressions that he uses towards the Pope, in f. 71a calls him, *The shender of sawes, And breaker of lawes*, &c. At the beginning of the book M^{r}. Le Neve writes thus :—

Quære if this Poëm was not writt by John Skelton, poët Laureat in the time of King Henry 8th.

Gleke verbum, 85 B.

M^{d}. the Ryme is like that of Elenor Rumming, written by Skelton, & printed.

The Image of Ypocresy. See the last page, against Bishops, Canons, preists, Monks, & Friers.

a Yorkshire man childer, fol. 40 B.

March 29, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 34). Received the parcel yesterday morning. Thanks to Mr. Le Neve for the cuts and MSS. 'Skelton was one of the vilest men of that age. He was a man of no virtue: his lewdness was a sufficient Answer to all his scurrilous Writings. He was guilty of the very Crimes he charges upon others. The matter was plainly prov'd.' Thanks for presents: had neither of them before. Knows Mr. Anderson's character: has mentioned him in the Appendix to Fordun.

March 29, 1725. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 138). There is no mention of the Priory of Brunne in Stevens. [A long extract from this letter is printed in the Preface to *Peter Langtoft*, p. ccxiii.]

March 30, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 107. 36. Original, Rawl. 112. 193). Wants to know whether J. M. has Skelton's Image of Ypocresy among his books.

Perlect. P. Le Neve, Norroy, 1 Febr., 1724–5.

Q[uære] who is the Knight described fol. 100 B? S^r^ Thomas More. The Maide of Kent mentioned, fol. 104; his Utopia mentioned, fol. 104.

Quære of M^r^. Murray for this poëm, who saith he hath all or most of Skelton's works.

Johannes Skelton, Poëta Laureatus, autor Poematis sequentis, ut creditur per Petrum Le Neve, Norroy, A. D. 1724, possessorem libri.

[Extracts from this book omitted.]

April 1 (Th.). At the same time that M^r^. Le Neve lent me the said MS. of Skelton, he also lent me an old fol. Vellum MS. of Aristotle's Metaphysicks, beginning, *Omnes homines natura scire desiderant. Signum autem est sensuum dilectio.* It ends, *& nichil firmum posse connecti ejus, quia non separabilia, sicut mathematica à sensibilibus, ut quidam dicunt, neque hæc esse principia. Explicit Metaphisica.* Aristotle's Name is not to it. I know not the Translator.

April 2 (Fri.). Last Night M^r^. Upton, a young Master of Arts (Son of M^r^. Upton, the Schoolmaster, that put out *Dionysius Hal. de structura sermonis*, and *Ascham's Schoolmaster*), told me that Ford Abbey is the pleasantest Seat in all Devonshire. He said his Father is fifty two Years of Age.

This day I walk'd to Cumnore, where I was in company of two or three sensible men, that mightily delighted to talk of Antiquity, and were strangely mov'd when I told them of Mount Abendun (now Chilswell Farm), where an Abbey was begun to be built, but was afterwards translated to Seuksham. And 'tis strange to see how they were transported when I told them of an Hermit that lived in Cumnore Hurst, or Cumnore Wood, that advis'd the building of the Abbey at Seuksham, which was afterwards called Abbington. These Men told me of two Stone Coffins that had been dug up in Cumnore Church about a Year ago, in one of which were black Ashes. The Coffins were carefully buried again, with every thing belonging to them. I told them I thought they might be of two of the Abbats of Abbington. They were so extremely taken with what I talk'd about Antiquities that as they desired to come into the room where I was, so I had much ado to come away from them.

April 3 (Sat.). Yesterday, at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, to create the Duke of Beaufort (who is now leaving University College) D^r^. of the Civil Law.

M^rs^. Collis (Wife of W^m^ Collis, victualler of Cumnore) looks as if she were hardly 25 Years of Age, and yet she told me yesterday she was at least 25 Years old when she was married, that she hath been married thirteen years, and hath had six children.

Out of Mist's Journal for Saturd., Apr. 3, 1725:—

On Sunday (Easter day[1]) the Rev. M^r^. Hutchin, Master of the Free-School at Felsted in Essex, died suddenly of a Fit of the Apoplexy; a Gentleman of extraordinary Accomplishments, and much respected by all manner of Persons.

[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

This is Mr. Hugh Hutchin, that was originally of Lincoln-College, and afterwards Chaplain and Schoolmaster of Xt Church (where he took the degree of M.A., July 8, 1701), and Vicar of Cassenton, and was from Xt Ch. preferr'd to the Free-School of Felsted. He published a piece of Justin Martyr. He married one of the Daughters of old Mrs. Evans, late of St. Aldate's in Oxford, as the Reverend Mr. James Gibson, now Minister of Wotton under Hill[1], near Brill in Bucks., but then Master of the Free School at Bray in Berks., had married the eldest of her Daughters (there being three Daughters in all), wch eldest Daughter died many Years ago in Childbed, at Bray, leaving the Character behind her of a very discreet, virtuous, good-young Woman. Mr. Gibson had two Children by her, a Son and a Daughter, both now living, the Son a M. of Arts, the Daughter married, but very indifferently. Mr. Gibson, after the death of his said first Wife, married an old, cunning maid, one Mrs. Newton, that had been many Years a House Keeper to Mr. Cherry, of Shottesbrooke in Berks. Mr. Hutchin, notwithstanding the Character given of him in Mist, was look'd upon by many honest Men as an odd Fellow, and good for little.

April 4 (Sun.). The Sermon on Goodfriday, before the University, was preached by Mr. Sansbury of Xt Ch., in the Cathedral there; that on Easter day, at St. Peter's, by Mr. Wise of Trin. Coll.; that on Easter Monday, at St. Marie's, by Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall; and that on Easter Tuesday, at St. Marie's, by Mr. Symmonds of Exeter Coll., wch Mr. Symmonds was also the Repeater of all the said four Sermons to-day at St. Marie's. This Symmonds came from Cambridge, & is now Fellow of Exeter Coll. He is a noted Mimick, wch by no means suits with a Man in Priest's Orders. I am told he repeated well.

April 7 (Wed.). Olaus Wormius the great Antiquary of Denmark's pieces are grown so very scarce that 'tis a very hard matter to procure any of them, and so they have been many Years. Even Mr. Webb, when he was drawing up his book about Stoneheng, against Dr. Charleton, was extremely put to it to get his *Mon. Dan.*, in so much that all Denmark, whither he sent, could not afford it him[2], but at last he was supplied by a person of honour.

The Reverend Mr. Mathew Gibson of Herefordshire told me to-day that in my Lady Scudamore's Library is a MS. written by Mr. Jermey Stephens's own hand, containing a much fuller and correcter Copy of Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege than that printed from my

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April 5, 1725. H. to Walter Price (Diaries, 107. 52). 'I write this Letter on purpose to return you my thanks for the trouble you gave your self of finding me out on the 22d of Febr. last, and of acquainting me with the Resolution of paying me the Legacy of an hundred Pounds, that was left me by my Friend, Mr. Walden.'

April 6, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 53). Has returned Mr. Le Neve's and J. W.'s books. 'Your London Booksellers have made paultry work about the 3 Pieces of Stonehenge.'

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[1] [Mistake for Wotton Underwood.]

[2] See his Vind. of Stoneheng, p. 106, Ed. nov.

Transcript many Years agoe. It must be remembred that I never saw any of the Sheets of the printed Book 'till the whole was printed off, and that my Transcript, tho' it came to my hands after it was printed, with four printed Copies, one of wch printed Copies was designed for me, as Mr. Francis Cherry afterwards told me, yet, as I was directed, I being then very young, I sent the Transcript and the said printed Copies to Mr. Cherry, and I never had either my Transcript or so much as one of the printed Copies afterwards; nay, I could not so much as see the Transcript again, so as to compare any thing of it with the print, wch I afterwards purchased.

This day, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when Mr. Le Hunt of Xt Ch. & Mr. Eyre of All Souls College laid down their Office of being Proctors, & Mr. Conybere of Exeter College (who is Fellow there, & Rector of St. Clement's, by Oxon.) & Mr. Smith of Corpus College were admitted Proctors for this Year 1725.

April 8 (Th.). The Reverend Mr. Patrick Gourdon, formerly Professor of the Hebrew Tongue at Aberdeen, and afterwards for some time Schoolmaster of the Free School at Bray (near Maidenhead) in Berks., where he taught me my Accidence, is now not only Prebendary of Hereford, but Vicar of Fanhope, near Hereford, where he is look'd upon as a Man of very good sense and learning.

April 9 (Fri.). Mr. Matthew Gibson, whom I have mentioned above, hath drawn up a Book that he stiles, *Memoirs of the Family of Scudamore.* He shew'd me the MS. yesterday, dedicated to the Lady Scudamore. 'Tis a poor Rhapsody.

Last Night died old Mr. Clarke, the Scrivener, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, in the 80th year of his age, as I think I have settled it formerly. He was a Man formerly noted for a good writer, but was extremely conceited. He loved history, and would always talk much in it. He was a man much in favour with Dr. Charlett, who loved such sort of people.

April 10 (Sat.). Yesterday I walk'd towards Dorchester, and took notice of the dry, barren soil just above Sandford, wch they call Bassemore, a name, I think, that denotes the low more, or dry, barren ground, in opposition to the high, dry, barren ground, that is farther off than this, being upon the hill just beyond the way that turns off to Newnham, and may therefore properly be stiled Highmore, a name that such sort of Ground goes by at a place beyond Nettlebed.

April 8, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Rawl. 34. 106). Received the seven 'Auxiliaries,' which were very welcome. 'Wormius's Monumenta Danica came so very seasonably that I was at that very time, when it was brought me, studying where I might apply for the use of it, now I am excluded Bodley. . . . God hath providentially supplied me, by your means, at the time I stood in need of it. I thank him most humbly, and shall still rely upon him. I beseech him to keep you in health, and to give you comfort in your new State, after so many Rubs.' The new edition of Mr. Webb's book is a paltry performance.

On Thursday Evening last was a very fine Consort of Musick in Magdalen College Hall, at w^ch^ were present a vast Number of Gentlemen and Ladies, the like (they say) hath hardly been seen in the University. Wise men look upon this as very scandalous in D^r^. Butler, the President of the College. There is no doubt but 'tis against the Statutes of the College. But what do we talk of Statutes for, when the President, by marrying and declining going into orders, breaks them in so very notorious & scandalous a manner?

April 11 (Sun.). Out of Mist's Journal of Sat., Apr. 10, 1725:—

On Saturday last dy'd the Hon. M^rs^. Thynne, Relict of the Hon. Henry Thynne, Esq., Son and Heir to the then R^t^ Honourable Lord Viscount Weymouth, a Lady of an excellent Character. She had two Daughters by the said M^r^. Thynne, one marry'd to the Lord Brooke, and since deceased, and the other to the Earl of Hertford; but, for want of Male Issue, the Title devolv'd to his younger Brother's Son, the present Lord Weymouth.

NB. This Lady understood the Saxon Tongue, and was a great admirer of old English.

The Reverend M^r^. Trebeck is appointed Minister of S^t^. George, the new Church in George-Street, near Hanover Square.

NB. This is M^r^. Andrew Trebeck, that was of X^t^ Ch., Oxon.

It is reckon'd that no less than 138 Families, containing 507 Persons, were Sufferers by the late Fire at Buckingham, and their Loss is computed at 32682l. 13s. 6d.

April 12 (Mon.). Last Night, at six clock, old M^r^. Clark was buried in the Church Yard of S^t^. Peter's in the East.

This day the new Church Wardens of S^t^. Peter's in the East gave a great Treat in the publick Refectory of Edm. Hall, D^r^. Felton, the principal, lending it them for that end, at w^ch^ most of the Parishioners were present of any note, to the Number (as I have been told, for I walk'd out of Town) of about 200.

April 13 (Tu.). M^r^. Dodwell, in a Letter to D^r^. (then M^r^.) Edward Bernard, in Vol. clv of D^r^. Smith's MSS. that I have, insinuates that the said D^r^. Bernard was the Editor of the Oxford Aratus, the care of w^ch^, however, is owing to B^p^ Fell. It is dated from Trin. Coll., near Dublin, March 14, 167½.

M^r^. Tag, who rents Paradice Gardens, & many other Places about Oxford, told me to-day that he pays to Workmen seven hundred Pounds per an. He succeeded one Wrench, the best Kitchen Gardiner in England, to whom he had been servant, & whose Widow he married.

April 14 (Wed.). Yesterday M^rs^. Edwards, that lives with her husband at Jericho Garden, by Walton Well, near Oxford, shew'd me,

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April 12, 1725. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 141). Has never seen the Image of Ypocresy. [See Diary, July 3.] Has been to visit Mr. Granger, who is so ill that he can't live long.

April 14, 1725. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 115). Has returned Mr. Le Neve's books, with thanks. 'I forgot to send your Glass, which is mended, &

when I call'd at her House, an old Bible, in wch some body had writ at Susanna, that some Commentator calls it, *fabula Susannæ*, instead of *the History of Susanna*.

On Friday last, in the Evening, one old Sockwell, of St. Thomas's Parish in the Suburbs of Oxford, who had belong'd to the Water many Years, being famous for rowing, and having that day row'd a Couple to Binsey, he happened at a Christening there to get too much drink, and thereupon the Couple would not let him row them back, but would have had him sit in the boat with them, wch he declining to do, he went back on foot, but, coming to Wickbridge, he happened to drop in, and was found drowned.

April 15 (Th.). Old Mrs. Blay, that lives in St. Ebb's parish in Oxford, told me on Sunday last that her Father, when she lived at Littlemore, walk'd, when he was fourscore and seven Years old, from Newbury to Littlemore, one Forenoon, wch is about 20 miles, and that after he had eat a bit, he walk'd that afternoon 3 miles farther, without being weary. This Mrs. Blay is in the 80th Year of her age.

April 16 (Fri.). Yesterday I purchas'd of Mr. Anth. Peisly, Robert Hegg's Legend of St. Cuthbert, with the Antiquities of the Church of Durham, published by B. R., Esq., Lond., 1663, 8vo. Mr. Peisly bought it as a Duplicate, with many other Books, out of Corpus Xti College Library. It is one of those Books that were left to the College by Mr. Cuthbert Ellison, B.D., Fellow of the said College, who died, Novemb. 12, 1719. It had belong'd before to Mr. John Rosewell, Fellow of that College, & afterward Master of Eaton School, a very learned Man, who hath, at the beginning of it, transcribed with his own hand, from the original MS., the Author's Epistle, which is omitted in the print, wch MS. then belong'd to the famous Dr. Edward Pocock, as I find by this Note of Mr. Rosewell's :—

The MS. once belonged to Mr. Noel Spark, B.D. and fellow of C.C.C., Oxon., under whose hand the following Note is writte before the Title Page :—

'Author hujus Libri Robertus Hegg, Dunelm., Coll. Corporis Christi Oxon. Socius. Qui in Domino mortuus est, Jun. xi, An. Dom. MDCXXIX.'

The following Epistle to the Reader I transcribed out of a fair MS. of this Book, written with the Author's owne Hand, & now belonging to the

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which I will take care to send you per the first opportunity.' Mentions Dr. Stukeley. [See Diary, April 18.] Inquires about Roger Wendover. Supposes Langtoft is finished: hopes to read it at Oxford in three weeks' time.

April 15, 1725. H. to [T. Rawlinson] (Rawl. 34. 107). Thanks for 'Recruits' received yesterday. 'But sure you have a mind to kill your self, when you tell me you can hardly find time either to eat, drink, or sleep, all wch are so very requisite.' Has borrowed Skelton from Mr. Le Neve. Supposes it was never printed. 'Nor, indeed, is it fit to be printed. It is a very abusive Thing against all sorts of Men. And, indeed, Skelton was a very malicious Writer, falling upon innocent persons, without any distinction, not excepting even Sir Thomas More. Yet at the same time that Skelton spends his Venom, he was a very loose, vicious person himself.'

April 15, 1725. P. Le Neve to H. (Rawl. 8. 164). Wants H.'s opinion of three MSS., which he will send, if desired.

Reverend & most learned Dr. Edward Pocoke: betwixt [the] MS. & this printed Copie (there is much difference[1]), there being in the latter many omissions, some additions, besides literal mistakes, especially in names of men & places, & several passages transposed.

Dec. 26, 1670. Joh. Rosewell,
C.C.C. Soc.

April 17 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Wm Oldsworth, that writ the Examiner, being with me at Godstowe, he told me that he knew a Gentleman that hath a horse now living that K. Charles I rid at Edge Hill fight, and this I heard Mr. Oldsworth mention formerly[2].

From Mist's Journal of Sat., Apr. 17, 1725:—

We hear that a Treaty of Marriage is on Foot between Gerald de Courcy, Baron of Kinsale, an Irish Peer, but of English Extraction, and Mrs. Essington, a great Fortune, and only Daughter of John Essington, Esq. The said Lord was in the Year 1720 introduc'd to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and had the Honour of kissing his Majesty's Hand, and was allowed to assert the antient Right of his Family of being carry'd in the King's Presence.

NB. This Lord was at my room last Summer, with 2 or 3 more honest Gentlemen, and I was afterwards, for some considerable time, with them at their Lodgings at the Mitre in Oxford. His Ldship is well vers'd in Heraldry.

April 18 (Sun.). Mr. James West tells me, in a Letter from Lond. of the 14th inst., that Dr. Stukeley disposes of his *Itinerarium curiosum*, which consists of an hundred Cuts (I suppose, Fancies, for what he does in Antiquity is such), at two Guineas a book. Mr. West is affraid they go off but slowly, no Bookseller, nor Gentleman of his acquaintance, having seen one.

April 19 (Mon.). At Wallingford, in the time of K. Edw. Conf., according to Domesday book[3], were viii virgats of Land, containing 276 *hagæ*, 8 of which were afterwards destroy'd for the castle. By which it appears that Wallingford even then (and it had been bigger in former times, before it had suffered so much from the Danes) contained three hundred and twenty acres of ground, every virgat comprehending fourty

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April 19, 1725. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 107. 78). Glad T. B. has two such good copies of Domesday. Will speak of *haga* in the Glossary to Langtoft. Can't meet with Mr. Anstis's book. 'Only t' other day, happening to see Mr. Browne Willis, he was pleased to insinuate that it was too high for his pocket. I found by him that 'tis an imperfect Work.' Has often heard Dr. Hugh Wynne speak of Mr. Proast's Case as a printed thing, though he could not get a copy at Mr. Creech's auction. Is told that a guinea and a half has been offered for Mr. Bridges' Catalogue. Is the Madrid Index Expurgatorius among Bp. Moore's books?

April 19, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 67). Roger Wendover is in the Cotton Library, but was never printed. Probably little of moment to

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[1] [The words in parentheses are supplied by Hearne.]
[2] NB. Mr. O. is a noted Romancer.
[3] See p. 763 of Dr. Gale's XV Scriptores.

acres, as is plain from the following Note, in an old hand, at the End of John of Glastonbury's History or Chronicle of Glastonbury, that I have now before me, by the favour of the R^t^ hon^ble^ the Lord Bruce, who was pleased to lend me the MS.:—

Decem acræ faciunt ferdellum.
Quatuor fardella faciunt virgatam unam.
Quatuor virgatæ faciunt hidam unam.
Quatuor hidæ feodum unum faciunt.

Fardellum	virgata	hida	feodum unum
Acræ x	xl	clx	ccccccxl

Which note I the more readily insert here because 'tis the account the Abbey of Glastonbury went by. So that whereas 'tis said in Domesday Book[1] that Ashbury (in the County of Berks.), w^ch^ belong'd to the Monastery of Glastonbury, had a Church and Priest, to whom appertain'd one hide (*Ibi Ecclesia & Presbyt. habent* 1 *Hyd. &* 4 *servos*), we must understand by it that the Parson there had an hundred and sixty acres of Land, w^ch^ was a noble thing, and enabled him to keep hospitality, & to give away in Charity. But not only Glastonbury, but other places, went by the same Account, tho' in several places (as a yard-land now also varies) there were differences; notwithstanding w^ch^, where the Church & Religion were concern'd, there was a certainty, & they were guided by the beforementioned explication. And 'tis by that interpretation that I would explain the same terms when they occurr in Domesday. So that whereas 'tis in that old & most valuable Register said that Shottesbrooke in Berkshire contain'd 7 hides[2], I would understand thereby one thousand one hundred and twenty Acres. And whereas in the same venerable Monument of Antiquity 'tis said that part of Abbot's Waltham (now commonly call'd White-Waltham), w^ch^ belong'd to the Abbey of Chertsey, contain'd 10 hides[3], I would thereby understand one thousand six hundred Acres, without any regard to the three hides of Land w^ch^ the same Book tells us[4] belong'd in Bernesh Hundred (by w^ch^ one would gather that it was also part of Abbot's or White-Waltham, w^ch^ is in Bernesh Hundred, whereas Laurence Waltham is in the hundred of Wargrove) to the Bishop of Durham, & contain'd, according to this Explication, four hundred and eighty acres. And moreover, whereas the same Register informs us that Cumnore (in Berks.), w^ch^ belong'd, and always did belong, to the Abbey of Abbington, contain'd in Edw. the Confessor's time 50 hides, and but 30 in K. William the Conqueror's[5], the meaning is, that in the former King's time it consisted of eight thousand one hundred acres, in the latter's of only four thousand eight hundred. Yet it must be granted that as there were great Alterations between K. Edward the Confessor's time and the reign of W^m^ the Conqueror (otherwise Cumnore could not

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be found in it. Does J. W.'s MS. of Robert Hegge's Legend of St. Cuthbert bear hard upon the monks?

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[1] See these Coll., vol. 99, p. 111.
[2] See Leland's Itin., vol. ix, p. 189.
[3] Leland's Itin. ibid.
[4] Ibid.
[5] Sic in MS. exemplari Ashmoliano.

have been so much lessen'd), so there have been much greater since the Conqueror's time; so as to have even very considerable Changes with respect to Counties, Hundreds, and Parishes. How else comes it to pass that Cookham, near Maidenhead in Berks., now gives name to a hundred, whereas in the Conqueror's time it was reckon'd in Bernersh Hundred? For thus in that Register: *In Bernes Hund. Rex tenet Cocheham in Dominio. Rex E. tenuit. Tunc* 20^{ti} *hidæ, sed nunquam geld. Terra est* 25 *car*[1]. And here, without doubt, some Readers will be apt to inquire what the true meaning of the word *haga* is. In answer to w^{ch} I shall here transcribe what M^{r}. Somner notes about the word hæȝ in his Saxon Dictionary, *viz.* 'Hæȝ, Sepes, septum, *a hedge.* Hinc Latino-barbarorum *haia*, pro septo. Cassis, vel tendicula nobis hodiéque, *a hay to catch conies. Hage & hagen* tot oppidorum *Teutonicorum* nominibus hinc annexum.' Upon w^{ch} account I would translate the word *haga* in Domesday always by *hedge*, and not as others do *house*; so as there were in Wallingford 276 *hedges* in the time of E. Conf., 8 of w^{ch} were destroy'd for the Castle that was built by K. W^{m} Conq. in lieu of an older Castle that had, I suppose, been originally built by the Romans, tho' utterly destroy'd by the Danes. W^{ch} *hedges* were made of *Twigs*, &c., and from thence our hedges for Fences of closes, grounds, and fields are now styled; but then being covered at the top fit for lodging, they are translated commonly houses, as if *domus* and *haga* were really the same kind of Inclosure or Fence, whereas *haga* or *hedge* was of a more ordinary kind of work, tho' generally large, as may appear from the present site of Wallingford Castle, w^{ch} is about 5 Acres, & shews that formerly an haga or hedge (since eight *hagæ* only were pull'd down for building it) was of a considerable Extent and compasse. But now whereas the word *domus* instead of *haga* occurrs in Domesday Book, where it speaks of Oxford, as I take it, we are thereby to understand that the buildings of Oxford were far better than those at Wallingford. For that, I think, the true Signification of *domus* will warrant, the word really denoting buildings or Inclosures of a much better kind than those call'd *hagæ*. A thing w^{ch} may also appear from P. Victor's Description of Rome, in w^{ch}, tho' the several Wards are represented as large, yet the *Domus* (a word always there used, as 'tis also in the old anonymous description of the same City published by Labbe) are but few in comparison of the Extent of those Wards; much fewer, indeed, than the Wards of the City of Constantinople, described also by another anonymous Author, published by the same Labbe, and yet the Wards of Constantinople were less than those of Rome. I should therefore readily conclude that the *Domus* in Constantinople (for that is the Word there used also, that of *haga* being not as yet come into fashion) were nothing near so big nor so fine as those at Rome, and yet in both places they were of stone, to w^{ch} the word *haga* cannot properly agree, w^{ch} I look upon therefore as one reason why 'tis not us'd with respect to Oxford, where they had begun to have some Stone buildings some time before the Conquest, as may appear from S^{t}. Grymbald's building S^{t}. Peter's Church in the East of Stone out of Hengesteseiht (commonly called Hinxey) Quarry,

[1] Sicut in exemplari Ashm.

Masons being brought for that end out of Normandy, at wch time also, instead of *hagæ*, other *domus* were erected of Stone, & the method of building therewith being now learned, it soon began to be established & practised elsewhere. Yet tho' I should reckon St. Peter's Church among the old *Domus* of Oxford, it ought, nevertheless, by no means to be reckoned in the Taxation of Wm the Conq., in wch, notwithstanding, I fear the three Halls were reckoned that were built by K. Ælfred, because I find (see my notes to Sir John Spelman's Life of K. Ælfred, p. 196) that K. Wm withdrew the Exhibitions that K. Ælfred had settled upon his Schools, tho' others say (Ibid. p. 197) that K. Harold depriv'd these Schools of their Revenue, and totally destroy'd the two lesser of K. Ælfred's Halls. But be this as it will, those Halls ought properly to be stiled *domus*; yea, perhaps, being so much superior to the generality of buildings then in Oxford, had the anonymous Author of the Description of Constantinople seen them, and described Oxford, he would, it may be, have called them *domus nobilissimæ*, an expression he uses with respect to houses of a better kind than ordinary. However, notwithstanding this difference between *domus* and *haga*, we cannot determine for certain how big generally those *domus* were in Oxford. There is no doubt but they were large, since Domesday Book (Gale, ut supra, p. 765) tells us that in Wm Conqueror's time there were only 243 *domus* both within and without the Walls of Oxford, besides 20 mural mansions, call'd so because upon occasion they were obliged to repair the Walls (in order to wch there were there as well as at old Athens τειχοποιοὶ κ) ἐπιστάται τῶν ἔργων); tho' it withall informs us that 478 lay in ruins, wch, however, will not diminish the notion we have of the largeness of those *domus*, since they seem to have been chiefly on the North West side of Oxford, even without the present City down as far as Walton Well, at wch time also St. Giles's Church (formerly the University Church, in wch Convocations and Congregations were held, as they were afterwards in St. Marie's Church (Leland's Itin., vol. iv, p. 133)) lay also in its ruins, and was not rebuilt by Elwine Fitz-Godegose till about the time of K. Stephen (see Leland's Itin., vol. ii, p. 75). And it may be withall noted that, as Oxford in old time was extended a great deal farther North-West than it is at present, so, I believe, there were once (and that, too, before Osney Abbey was built) something farther Westwards than now, viz. nearer Botley, Houses that are since demolished, upon which account *Mons Abbendoniæ* (wch I take to be Chilswell) is rightly enough said in the Monasticon Anglicanum to be on the South side of Oxford, in relation to which I shall refer the reader to what I have noted in the 81st Vol. of these Collections.

April 20 (Tu.). Yesterday I was twice with Dr. Ralph Bridges, who, with his elder Brother, William Bridges, Esq. (who is of the Stamp-Office, and hath just entered a Son, Mr. John Bridges, Gentleman Com. of Xt Ch.), is now in Oxford. The Dr. shew'd me, and let me have a little while, a Catalogue of his late Brother, my worthy Friend, John Bridges Esqr's Books, but would not allow me to have it 'till to-day (so that I return'd it presently, notwithstanding he had given Dr. Stratford of Xt Ch. one, as he had likewise to Ld Oxford), pretending it was

a wonderfull Rarity, and that there were but an hundred printed. It is a good Collection of Books, particularly in Classicks and all kinds of History, but the Appendix of MSS. is but poor, there being but very few MSS., and those not of very great Note.

[Long extracts from, and an account of, John Bever's Chronicle in Trinity College, Oxford, omitted.]

April 22 (Th.). Yesterday Morning, about ten Clock, one Mr. Dike, a Commoner of Wadham Coll., almost Batchelor of Arts' standing, shot himself, in a little room (not the study) belonging to his Chamber, into the heart, that he died immediately. I am told he was a Somersetshire Man, that his Father came to Town the Night before, but his Son would not be found, and that this young Gent. had been very extravagant.

John Charlton was Fellow of Exeter College in Oxford, and afterwards Schoolmaster of Wyrksop, in the Countie of Nottingham, and whilst Schoolmaster he translated and published, *The Casket of Jewels: contaynynge a playne description of Morall Philosophie, diligently and after a very easie Methode declared by the well learned & famous Author, Cornelius Valerius, out of Lat. into English;* Lond., 1571, 8vo. I do not find that the said Mr. Charlton is mentioned by Mr. Wood.

April 23 (Fri.). On Wednesday Night last, at six Clock, Magd. College great Bell rung for Mr. Bouchier, one of the Fellows of that College (and a younger Brother of Dr. Bouchier, Principal of Alban Hall, & Regius Professor of Law), who died of a Feaver that day in the Country, at Hanbury. He was a silly, good for nothing Fellow.

Yesterday Morning was a Convocation at nine Clock, when a Letter from the Chancellour about an Act was read, and 'twas carried, by one or two Votes, that there shall (as there ought to be every year, tho' it hath been most scandalously neglected and put off) be an Act next Commencement, to the very great discomposure of Dr. Mather, Vice-Chancellour, and many others, who are violently against having Acts.

April 24 (Sat.). On Sunday Night last died at Heddington, near Oxford, one Stephen Race, in the 41st Year of his age, a very honest, quiet Man. It is generally said that his Death was occasioned by his Wife's beating him. She is about thirty Years old, a comely, brisk Woman [. . . . . .], and very impudent. He intirely loved her, and

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April 21, 1725. H. to T. Thomas (Diaries, 107. 102). Asks T. T. to look up a passage relating to King Ina in Ld. Oxford's MS. of John Bever's Chronicle.

April 24, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 129). [See extracts from this letter, Diary, July 26.] Dr. Middleton wants to know whether there are any MSS. of Tertullian at Oxford. 'It seems, the Benedictines in France are going upon a new edition.'

April 24, 1725. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 23). Received H.'s of the 2nd at Welbeck. If he returns to London in time, will answer the query himself.

April 24, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 30). Has not yet met with H.'s edition of Fordun, 'and unless You can help me out, I must drop my

would tell her of her faults, which enrag'd her to that degree that she would take up any thing that lay in her way, & fall upon him with it. Nor would he strike again, having made a vow not to beat her or to strike her. Many of the Neighbours have seen her do it most unmercifully, and are ready to make oath of it. The last time she did it was nine days before his death. But, notwithstanding this be so notorious, no one takes her up to prosecute her, she being, it seems, protected by two or three substantial Fellows that keep her company, particularly one Farmer Absalom, an old, loose Farmer, and one Henry Godfrey, a debauched Fellow, both of Heddington. Stephen Race was buried on Tuesday Night at Heddington, his Wife being so far from appearing concern'd that she came her self to Oxford, on Monday Morning, to bespeak a Coffin for him.

April 25 (Sun.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, called upon me Edward Bruce, of Hackney, Esq., a young Gentleman whom I had never seen before. He seems to be very much inclin'd to Books. He told me that he is eighteen years of age, and that he is under one M^r^. Ward, with whom he hath been about two Years, who acts as Tutour to him. He told me this M^r^. Ward is the author of an anonymous thing in Latin, *De Asse*, which is a small book in 8^vo^, that I purchased some time since.

He told me that D^r^. Prideaux's Marmora Oxon. is now come to four Pounds price.

This M^r^. Bruce is intimate with M^r^. Chishull, whose Collection of Inscriptions, he said, is printing, and that it will make three Volumes in Folio.

He told me of a very scarce Saxon Coyn in the hands of M^r^. Tho. Granger, but he could not remember what it is. He promised, however, to send me an exact draught of it, with some Notes of his own about it. The said M^r^. Granger, from whom I have had Letters, is a very worthy Man, & hath got a most excellent Collection of Books relating to our English History & Antiquities, as he hath also a very fine Collection of Coyns & Medals.

M^r^. Bruce told me he had several MSS. Papers of D^r^. Hallifax (being related to him), that was of Corpus X^ti^ Coll., and that he intended at some time or other to publish them. These papers, he said, at present are in the hands of M^r^. Chishull.

He said some people, particularly Wetstenius, a Dutch Bookseller, had a mind to print Thesaurus Antiquitatum Britannicarum, and to take my Things in. I heard Fletcher Gyles, a London Bookseller, once talk also at this rate. But if they should attempt it, they will make but Grubstreet work of it.

He told me, what I had not heard before, that they have reprinted beyond Sea M^r^. Dodwell's *Prælectiones Camdenianæ*.

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designe of Transcribing that MS. relating to Coventry.' [See extract from this letter, Diary, July 1.] Asks H. to send him transcripts of some documents sent in his last parcel. 'That Notion about Organs came from no less a man than Dr. Benj. Rogers, a great Master of Musick.'

April 26 (Mon.). Out of Mist's Journal of Sat., Apr. 24, 1725:—

On Tuesday Morning died, at her House at S^t^. James's, Sophia-Charlotte-Platen, Baroness Kilmansegg, and Countess of Platen in Germany; created Baroness of Lemster in Ireland, in 1721; and created Baroness of Brentford in Middlesex, and Countess of Darlington, in the Bishoprick of Durham, in 1722. She was the Relict of Baron Kilmansegg, who was Master of the Horse to his Majesty at Hanover.

NB. She was one of the Duke of Brunswick's [Mistresses].

April 29 (Th.). M^r^. Edw^d^ Bruce told me, on Monday last, that his Tutor, M^r^. John Ward, is Professor of Rhetorick in Gresham College, that he is an excellent Scholar, tho' never bred up in any University, that he writes Latin well, and that he hath published several Books, one of w^ch^, without his Name (as he hath not, it seems, put it to any), I have, and is intitled, *De Asse et partibus ejus Commentarius; Londini*, 1719, 8^vo^, in lxxiv pages.

April 27, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 107. 110. Original, Rawl. 34. 111). The old books came safe to hand. Remarks on the Madrid Index Librorum Prohibitorum. ''Tis very true what you say, that Bowles is a very great Villain; a greater, I think, cannot be. This I saw very early, and am glad now other people have found him out too. [He had a very great hand in outing me, by publishing about in all Companies that I would not take the Oaths. And even the day after the lock and Key of the lower door of the Library were altered, in order to shut me out, when at Noon I said I would stay all dinner-time in the Library, as I us'd very often to do, he was so pert as to tell me I must not stay unless he sat by me all the time, adding (what I did not know 'till then) that the lock of the lower door was altered, and that I was thereby debarr'd from opening it or getting in and out, as I us'd to do.] But I say no more [of his impudence, of w^ch^] you may hear enough from others. Nor is he less a blockhead than he is impudent. Adieu, Dear Friend, and God send you your health.' [The parts of this letter which are in brackets are in the draft only. Hearne has written against them, 'W^t^ is in hooks I left out.']

[**April 27, 1725.**] **W. Oldisworth to H.** (Rawl. 8. 177). Asks H. to inform Mr. Anstis of a MS. relating to the Knights of the Bath. Hopes to see him at the Angel.

April 28, 1725. H. to J. Anstis (Diaries, 107. 113). Mr. William Oldisworth asks H. to inform J. A. that Robert Webb of Wotton under Edge, co. Glouc., has a MS. by Thynne relating to Knights of the Bath, which might be of service to him. Glad the work about the Garter is finished: has not yet had an opportunity of seeing it.

April 28, 1725. H. to P. Le Neve (Diaries, 107. 112). Thanks for loan of MSS. and present of cuts. Agrees with P. Le N. that John Skelton was the author of the Image of Ypocresy. Will be glad to see the Speculum Humanæ Salutis and Piers Plowman.

April 29, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 195). Much obliged for letter of 12th instant. Supposes the Image of Ypocresy was never printed: will quote it in Langtoft. Sorry to hear so bad an account of Mr. Granger: heard from Mr. Edward Bruce that he was better. Inquires about a Saxon coin belonging to Mr. Granger. [See Diary, April 25.] [PS.] 'I never saw M^r^. Bruce before, but I take it for granted that he is your and M^r^. Granger's great Friend and Acquaintance.'

April 29, 1725. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 28. 1). [See Diary, May 2, for part of this letter.] The Historical Essay about the Knighthood of the Bath

April 30 (Fri.). In the Bodlejan Library is, *Johannis Buriensis Responsio ad Conclusiones Reginald Peacok*, a MS. w^ch^ one Wells, a Bach. of Arts of Edm. Hall, late of All-Souls, where he was Clark, tells me he hath transcrib'd for D^r^. Felton, Principal of that Hall, I know not to what End.

May 1 (Sat.). On Thursday last, in the Afternoon, M^r^. David Gregory of X^t^ Church, Professor of Modern history and of modern Languages, read his first Lecture at the Public Schools, and had a vast Crowd of Auditors, but I am told it was a strange Medley of Stuff, without any Method or Connexion, and in a most wretched, barbarous Latin stile. He was very long, it seems, in Commendation of L^d^ Clarendon's History, & the Fidelity of that Historian.

May 2 (Sun.). On Friday Night last I rec^d^ a Letter from M^r^. Anstis, in w^ch^ he tells me that he chances to have a Copy of M^r^. Thinne's book (who was Lancaster Herald, and a very learned, as well as industrious, Antiquary), bearing the Title of Advocate and Anti-Advocate, and has referred to it as deserving to be published, with an Intimation as though he intended to undertake that Task, with several other of his Tracts, and he says I shall extremely oblige him, if I should have met with any of them. I told M^r^. Oldisworth yesterday of this, who said he believ'd M^r^. Anstis's Book was different from that he writ about to me, and bore a different Title, adding that he would send for the Title. I have published in my Collection of Curious Discourses what Pieces I had of M^r^. Thynne's.

On Friday Night last died in Hampshire, whither he had retired for his health, one M^r^. Rawlin, A.B. and Taberder of Queen's College. He was a merry, brisk young man, but a hard drinker, which brought upon him a Fistula, that was the occasion of his death.

May 4 (Tu.). Yesterday I saw M^r^. Rich^d^ Russell, M.A., formerly of Univ. Coll., afterw^ds^ preferr'd to a Living in the Country, w^ch^ he lost upon account of the Oaths, and now drives a Farm to support himself, his Wife, & four Children. He is come to Oxford to dispose of the ii^d^ Part of his Translation into English out of French of Mons^r^ Quesnel's New Testament, with Moral Reflections upon every Verse.

M^r^. Russell told me that M^r^. Jeremy Collier is very poor in his old age, having married an odd Wife, mother to M^r^. Thomas Deacon, w^ch^ M^r^. Tho. Deacon from following Divinity now practises Physick, being a Non Juror, and Author of several Things.

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will be published next week, 'and the World will make some allowances for a Tract compiled & printed within three weeks.'

May 3, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 118). Asks J. W. to consult some MSS. in the Cotton Library.

May 3, 1725. N. Boothe to H. (Rawl. 13. 103). Wants to know whether there is anything relating to Gray's Inn in Saint Lowe Kniveton's MSS. in the Bodleian Library. 'You have writ a book of Antiquity, but I cannot get it.'

May 5, 1725. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 107. 121). Remarks on the Madrid Index Expurgatorius, &c. Does not remember any MS. of Tertullian

May 6 (Th.). On Tuesday Night last had like to have been a great Fire at the Angel Inn in Oxford. Mr. Wm Oldisworth (a Gentleman I have mentioned before), who has lodg'd there for some time, going to bed, happen'd either to forget to put out his Candle, or else (wch is most likely) reading in bed, & so dropping asleep (tho' he says he thought he had put out the Candle), the Candle took hold of the Hangings, burnt the bed, & had he lay two or three Minutes longer, himself had been burnt too, tho', even as it was, his nose, feet, & hands recd some damage from the Fire, so he was forced to employ a Surgeon.

I have been told that Mr. John Ward (whom I have mentioned above) is the person that translated Dr. Mead's Book about the Plague into Latin, tho' it had been done before by Mr. Mattaire, who did it at Dr. Mead's Request, & put it when done into the Dr.'s Hands, but 'twas return'd, and Mr. Ward's is the Book that was printed.

May 7 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. Wilmot of Oxford sold Gibson's Codex Canonum to Mr. Xtoph. Haslam of Christ Church for five Guineas.

May 8 (Sat.). Mr. Anstis hath just published an Historical Essay about the Knighthood of the Bath, which Tract, he tells me, was compiled and printed within three Weeks. Mr. William Oldisworth (now at the Angel Inn) gave me an account of a Book upon this Subject, written by Mr. Thynne, as I have signify'd above. Mr. Anstis told me he had a Copy of this. I suppose it hath been of service to him. The order is going to be reviv'd, and I therefore believe Mr. Anstis was put upon this Task. Mr. West tells me Mr. Anstis endeavours to prove this Honour to be as old as the Saxons' time.

The Rev. Mr. Andrew Trebeck is presented to the Rectory of St. George's, the new Church near Hanover-Square, by the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George.

The Rev. Mr. Wm Wyat, Schoolmaster of Xt Ch., Oxford, Son of the late Mr. Wm Wyat, Principal of St. Mary Hall, & Orator of the University of Oxford, is nominated by the Earl of Nottingham Head-Master of Felstead-School in Essex.

May 9 (Sun.). On Friday last died at Brill in Buckinghamshire old John Pricket, some Years ago Butler of University College. His Age

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except De Ignorantia Christi in Balliol College Library. Mr. Franck has not yet returned Macrobius. What is the character of Henry Downhale [Donhault], of St. John's College, Cambridge, whom Oliver Cromwell invited to Huntingdon to be godfather to his child?

May 5, 1725. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 19). Mr. Granger will procure H. a draught of his Saxon coin at the first opportunity: he is much better, but not out of danger. Is going to Sacomb for about ten days.

May 6, 1725. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 116). Account of the Life of St. Cuthbert and Agarde's Domesday in the Cotton Library. Is now reading Mr. Anstis's Knights of the Bath. Mr. Bridges' Catalogue is printed, but can't get a sight of it.

May 8, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 107. 126). Remarks on the Life of St. Cuthbert and Agarde's Domesday. Mentions Mr. Anstis's new book. The Rhythms are the same as those at the end of Robert of Gloucester. Asks J. W. to inspect the Liber Festialis in the Cotton Library.

I have formerly mentioned in one of these Volumes (viz. Vol. 8, p. 222, March 5th, 1705, when Mr. Pricket told me he was three score and six), and about 2 or 3 Months since he told Dr. Cockman, and two or three more that went over to Brill, that he was four score and seven Years old, & was then vigorous. He was a great Villain, & impudent to the last degree, so that some compar'd him to another Rogue, Benjamin Cutler, who died some Years ago, Butler of New College, & 'twas usually said formerly that Pricket's Epitaph should be,

Here lyes John Pricket, King Alfred's Butler,
As great a Rogue as was Ben Cutler.

He hath liv'd at Brill ever since he was put out from being Butler of University College; but then he had ten pounds a year paid him by the person that succeeded him in his place, wch was what he liv'd upon, and an house in Oxford that belong'd to him during Life, coming by his Wife, who died some Years ago, and was buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxford, where she and her husband lived in the said House, and she was look'd upon as a very good Woman.

What is called a *korke* in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft, is called a *core* in Caxton's *myrrour of the world*, Pt ii, c. 1, where the like simile of the Earth's being likened to an apple (tree) is brought. In my Interpretation I call it *heart*, and that rightly.

May 10 (Mon.). Last Night, at five Clock, Mr. Pricket was brought into Oxford from Brill, in a Herse, and carried directly to St. Marie's, where he was buried in the Church, by his Wife. I am told he died penitent. It seems, the immediate cause of his death was a Mortification. One Sunday he was taken in one of his Toes with a violent pain, wch he being not able to endure, he had it cut off, & afterwards he rotted in a miserable manner.

May 11 (Tu.). On Sunday Night last, after Evening Service, one Mrs. Mitchell, a maiden body, of a little more than fifty Years of age [1], walking with Mr. Rawlins, the Barber, and his Wife (who live near Cairfax, and to whom she was related) round Christ Church Walk, just by the Wharf near Fryer Bacon's Study, fell down dead, and the

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May 10, 1725. H. to T. Ward (Diaries, 107. 131). Received the parcel on April 26. Will quote Caxton's piece in the Glossary to Langtoft. Can't spare his copy of Fordun. Thinks most of T. W.'s MS. about Coventry is printed by that author. Has received no other answer from All Souls than that there were organs there before Henry VIII's time.

May 11, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 106). Thanks for account of Tertullian. Account of Henry Donhault. [See Diary, May 26.] Presumes H. has seen Mr. Anstis's Knighthood of the Bath; 'but I could have wisht, as you do, that he had pursued his first design, being more Noble, & more capable of Ornament & Improvement.'

May 11, 1725. B. Hassoll and E. Kirkall to H. (Rawl. 7. 132). 'We have sent you ye old Deed, engrav'd, we do not doubt, to ye liking of all yt are concern'd in Mr. Silvester's book. At the same time we have also sent down the engraving of ye seal at Norwich, with Mr. Harris's name to it, wch we

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[1] I hear since that, as they found by the Register, she was fifty eight years old.

Bells went for her Yesterday Morning. She had lived with the late Madam Ven of Holywell as Housekeeper for about thirty Years, and Madam Venn left her a good Legacy, so that she was look'd upon as worth about fifteen hundred Pounds. She had the Character of a very good, honest, prudent Woman. I have been told she had been somewhat out of order, as dropsical, some time before.

May 12 (Wed.). On Sunday last died at Waterperry, and yesterday Morning the Bells went for her in Oxford, one Mrs. Whitehead, Wife of Mr. Whitehead, an Apothecary in London, who hath a Brother, an Atturney in Oxford, and only Daughter of Mrs. Costard in Oxford, who owns the high Buildings almost against the Angel Inn in high-street. She died of a Consumption, a little more than 30 Years old, without Children.

Also yesterday Morning the Bells went for old Mr. Bury, who died sometime in the Night, of St. Aldate's in Oxford, who was a Brewer's Clerk, & managed matters for several besides.

May 14 (Fri.). Last Night, about five Clock, meeting with Mr. Reynolds, the Librarian, as he told me, of New-College, he desired me to go back into their College Library, & look upon an old printed Virgil without date, believing that I could tell when & where it was printed. I went back, & found it to be without any Comments, and *Jo. Linc.*, 1482, at the beginning. 'Tis a 4to Book, & I take it to be the Paris Ed. of 1478. The said Jo. Linc. was John Russell, that had been fellow of this College. He was born in the parish of St. Peter's in the Suburbs of Winchester, admitted Fellow of New College, Anno 1449, proceeded afterwards Dr. of Div., became Archdeacon of Berks., &, after several other Preferments, became at length Lord High Chancellour of England[1], being constituted, Nov. 26, 1 Ric. I, and Chancellor of the University of Oxford[2] (being the first perpetual Chancellor of that place), being elected,

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presume will also please, & engage ye several Gentlemen to be farther promoters of our trade, especially since we shall with all fidelity execute wt they shall judge proper to employ us in, without any design to prejudice any one else, particularly Mr. Burghers, who being (as is reported, wch, however, we wish may be false) lately dead, or at best now but blind, wt we do can be of no disservice to him.' [At the back of the letter is this note in Hearne's handwriting:—'For Mr. Burghers, when he burns his Rolling Press: Get thee gone, thou cursed Press, which hast seduced me to commit so much wickedness; get thee gone, thou corrupt, devilish Press, get thee gone into the Fire, that thou mayst burn to Ashes, & see the Dust, never to return to perplex & lead me aside any more.']

May 13, 1725. H. to R. Eyston (Diaries, 107. 136). Inquires about a passage in the MS. of Harpesfield's Treatise of Divorce which belonged to R. E.'s late brother. [See Diary, July 2.]

May 13, 1725. H. to Sir P. Sydenham (Diaries, 107. 135). Wrote some time ago about two anonymous MSS., which he has printed in Langtoft. Wants further particulars about the gold coin of Nero, found at Petherton in Somersetshire.

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[1] Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., L. ii, p. 413.

[2] Dugdale's Chronica Series, at the End of his Origines Jurid., p. 72.

as it seems, upon the death of Wm Dudley, Bp of Durham, at the End of the Year 1483[1]. Godwin tells us that he was *a wise man, and a good, and of much experience, and one of the best learned men undoubtedly that England had in his time*[2]. I suppose he gave this & many other Books to New Coll.

This Gentleman shew'd me several other old rare printed Books, & offered at any time to shew me wtever their Library afforded, wch was a very great Civility.

He shew'd me, what I wanted to see (upon my Request), Nich. Harpesfield's Treatise of the Divorse, by wch I found confirmed what I had observed of it in 1719[3].

On Wednesday Night last Mrs. Mitchel, that died suddenly in Xt Ch. Walk, was buried in St. Aldate's Church. I have been told that, about a Week before she died, she happened to go into the Vault at St. Peter's in the East, in wch Madam Venn is buried, & said she desired to be buried by her old Mistress. I hear 'twas the Sunday before she died.

May 15 (Sat.). Altho' on the 23d of last Month it was voted that there should be a publick Act this Year, yet Dr. Mather and others being resolv'd there shall be none, notwithstanding the Statutes expressly require it, they got another Letter writ, and yesterday they had a Convocation, at two Clock in the Afternoon, when 'twas carried that there shall be none, wch is look'd upon as very childish and scandalous, and 'tis the first Instance of its kind. All Discipline of the University, I fear, will quite sink in time. 'Tis the Exercise at the Act, and the Lectures that are to be read, and other Scholastic business yt is to be done, that is the true reason that Acts are neglected, whatever other reasons are commonly pretended. 'Tis remarkable what I am told, namely, that the Chancellor, my Lord Arran, is made a meer tool of on this occasion. For, it seems, he hath put his Name to blanck Papers, wch the V. Chanc. & Heads of Houses fill up with what they please, & call such Papers my Ld Arran's Letters, when at the same time he never sees nor knows what is in them. 'Tis, withall, remarkable, that this iid Letter ought not to be look'd upon as of validity to put by the Act, since 'twas not read in due time. Nor, indeed, was the first read time enough to give due warning to the persons that are to dispute in divinity, the Statutes requiring three Months' or twelve weeks' prævious notice, so that of consequence there ought to be an Act of Course, when 'tis not dispens'd with in due time. But it signifies nothing to talk of things, where Men are resolv'd to act contrary to Statute, & to do what they can to the decay of Learning.

May 16 (Whit-Sun.). I was told yesterday that 'twas carried by a vast Majority (the House being very full) that there shall be no publick Act, and that every Whig in Town voted against it, tho' they were for it before.

May 17 (Mon.). Mr. Stephen Penton, in p. 77 of *the Guardian's Instruction*, tells us that he design'd to publish a short Collection of

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[1] Wood's Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., ibid. [2] De Præs., p. 308 of ye Engl. Ed.
[3] See Vol. 83, p. 70.

Proverbs out of Solomon, and the Proverbs of each single Nation (wherein their Wisedom consists), such as respect God, Religion, good Manners, civil Breeding, and Duty in all Relations, digested into a Method, and under proper Heads, for the Use of Children, to whom they are to be judiciously explained at leisure times, and Mr. Penton thinks it would be of incomparable use: because that short, grave, sententious way of Instruction sticks better in the Memory, and helps their Thinking. But I cannot yet find that Mr. Penton ever published such a Collection.

Old Mr. Bremicham of St. Peter's in ye East, now in the 92d year of his Age, told me to-day that he had a Kinswoman, one Susan Styler (that was Wife of Robert Allen), that dipp'd a Handkerchief all over in the King's (K. Charles Ist's) Bloud, when he was beheaded, wch she kept as a sacred Thing to her dying day, above 30 Years since. The said Mr. Bremicham hath been married to his Wife (now living, who had a Husband by whom she had Children before) at least 65 Years. There is a Daughter now living with them, that is about 63 years old.

May 18 (Tu.). Last Night, about six Clock, died suddenly (dropping out of her Chair), of the 3d fit of an Apoplexy, old Mrs. Nash, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., wife of Mr. Nash, a Currier of the same Parish. She was (as I am told) about 75 Years of Age. She was at Church, both Morning and Afternoon, the same day she died.

Mr. Francis Cheynell, in the Papers that past between Dr. Hammond & him, printed at Lond., 1647, 4°, more than once makes Dr. Hammond to be the Author of the *View of the Directory*. Nor does the Dr. flatly deny it. Indeed, 'tis reckoned among his Works by those that have writ his Life.

May 19 (Wed.). Mrs. Whitehead, above mentioned, p. 134, was buried two or three days after her death at Newnham Courtney.

Mr. James Gibson, Minister of Wotton Underwood[1], near Brill in Bucks., call'd upon me yesterday, and told me he had an old, printed, excellent Book (but imperfect) about advoutry, or adultery, which he was willing to put into my hands, and could wish (if it might be compleated) that it were reprinted. He could not tell me the Author's Name.

May 20 (Th.). Last Night old Mrs. Nash was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East.

There are published, *Proposals for Printing by Subscription, A Register and Chronicle, Ecclesiastical and Civil: containing Matters of Fact, delivered in the Words of the most authentick Books, Papers, and Records; digested in exact Order of Time, with proper Notes and References towards discovering the true History of England, from the Restoration to the Revolution. Faithfully taken from the MS. Collections of a present Prelate of the Church of England. With proper Indexes;* fol. The said Prelate is White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough, whose Fidelity is sufficiently known. It looks as if this trimming Prelate wanted Money. It seems, he is asham'd to put his Name to it, well knowing that he hath a vile Character. The Work is to be in More Volumes than one.

[1] [Altered from 'Underhill.']

This day Mr. Browne, Mr. Nevil, & Mr. Cockrill, Fellows of Univ. Coll., shew'd me an old Writ, with the Seal to it, of Richd the IId, at the Parl. then at Oxford, in the 6th year of his Reign, A. D. 1382, in wch K. Richd claims an authority in the said Coll. as Visitor, & mentions his Progenitors as Founders & Patrons of the said College or Hall, & the King injoyns the Mayor of Oxford to stay the suit of Edmund Fraunces, a Grosser, against the College, wch is said to be poor. I remember the Words are, ob nimiam paupertatem. It is endorsed thus: *K. R. 2. Writt of supersedeas to the Maior of Oxon. to stay sute of Edmund Froces against the College;* but 'tis a strange hand, yet 'tis the hand, I think, of Dr. Thomas Walker, Master of that College. There is a later Endorsement by Mr. Wm Smith, late Fellow of that College, but 'tis a different Endorsement from the former.

May 21 (Fri.). It is very remarkable that, as K. Richard's Progenitors are reckoned Founders and Patrons of the said College of great Univ. Hall, so in K. Hen. VI time ye sd K. Hen., as Twine observes from the College Muniments, reckoned himself and his Progenitors ever since the time of K. Alured (*ex cujus fundatione* 'tis said there to have been) Founders of the said College of great University Hall. See Twyne, p. 189. The Writing quoted by Twyne I find hath not yet been discovered by Mr. Cockman's Friends, but they are in quest after it. I know, indeed, that Wm Prynne, in p. 44, 45, of *The University of Oxford's Plea refuted*, denys K. Alfred to be the Founder, but we know what party he had to serve, which made him willing to overlook and pass over every thing that appertain'd to the King's Right.

May 22 (Sat.). Yesterday seeing Mr. Nevile of University College, he told me they had found the writing quoted by Twyne, and that they had done this before they shew'd me that of Richd IId, & they would have shew'd it me at the same time, only 'twas in the hands of their Agent, Mr. Brooks, the Atturney. But, indeed, if they had had a mind to do this, they might have fetch'd it from him, as they did the other that very Morning, when they shew'd it me. Indeed, they shew'd me that of Richd IId only to assist them in reading a passage, a business I do not much care to do in Law Affairs, where one may be lyable to Subpœnas.

Yesterday I bought for eight pence, Father Parsons's *Discussion of the Answere of M. William Barlow, D. of Divinity, to the Booke intituled:* The Judgment of a Catholike Englishman living in banishment for his Religion, &c., concerning The Apology of the new Oath of Allegiance; St. Omer's, 1612, 4°. This is a posthumous Work, and was published by Thomas Fitzherbert, who hath prefixed to it a large generall Preface, laying open the Insufficiency, Rayling, Lying, and other Misdemeanour of M. Barlow in his writing. In this Work are many very remarkable Passages, & divers severe Reflexions upon Q. Eliz. well worth the Reader's perusal.

May 23 (Sun.). Dr. Felton hath just printed at the Theater, in 8vo, the Sermon that he preached before the University of Oxford, last Easter Monday, upon 1 Cor. xv. 23: *But every man in his own order*, &c. It is about the Identity of the Body, against Lock & the Author of the

Naked Gospel, but 'tis very muddy stuff, and 'tis far worse than many Sermons & Discourses that were formerly written, preached, & published upon this Subject. Nor, indeed, ought we to exspect any Thing clear or extraordinary from a person that never applied himself to Thought or Study, but hath spent whole days & nights in carouzing & revelling, and hath generally contemn'd such as have seriously made it their Business to carry on any considerable branch of Learning, particularly those that deal in Antiquity, wch, indeed, is the only true Learning, so that if any one were to ask me, *what is Learning*? I would reply, *Antiquity*. And if, *what is Antiquity*? I should as readily answer, *Learning*.

May 24 (Mon.). Mr. Bruce, when he was lately in Oxford, told me that an Edition of Suetonius was designed, with abundance of Coyns in it to illustrate the whole, & that himself should have a great share in the Work.

May 25 (Tu.). Some time last Week the Lord Kingsale was married to the only Daughter of John Essington, Esq., who first and last will be a Fortune of an hundred thousand Pounds.

I was told yesterday that one Dr. Beauvoir, a Wine-Merchant, hath got a grant to be hereafter Regius Professor of Physick in Oxford.

May 26 (Wed.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge informs me, in a Letter of the 12th of this Month, that one Henr. Donhault was admitted Fellow of St. John's College there, Apr. 12, 1614. What his character was, he cannot be positive (having lent out his Book of such matters), but as far as he remembers, he was chaplain to Bp Williams, a bold, active man. If he were Chaplain to Bp Williams, he was neighbor (says Mr. B.) to Oliver Cromwell, when he was at Bugden with the Bp. In a Postscript to the same Letter he writes, 'In turning my Books, I find Mr. Downhalt was Chaplain to Bp Williams, at whose desire he had leave, Dec. 22, 1622, from the College of absence for three years (being to wait on Sir Edw. Herbert, embassador to the French King), with the profits of his Fellowship allowed him, &c. I find (him) likewise, after his Return in 1630, showing himself very warm in an affair betwixt him & the master and seniors, which he brought at last before the Bp of Ely, Visitor of the College, or by his warmth & activity oblig'd them to do it.' This is the Man that was Godfather to Oliver's Son, Richard, afterwards Protector, in reference to wch I have inserted in one of these Volumes a Letter from Oliver to Mr. Donhault, or Downhale.

May 27 (Th.). 'Twas on Thursday last, or this day Sennight, that my Ld Kingsale was married to the only Daughter of John Essington, of Berkhamstead in Hertfordshire, Esq., who is a Gentleman that bears a very good Character.

I heare of a great deal of painted Glass at the great (my Ld Abbington's) House at Wightham in Berks. I was never yet in this House.

May 28 (Fri.). When Mr. Browne, Mr. Nevil, and Mr. Cockeril were with me the other day, they ask'd me whether I had ever seen Brian Twyne's MSS. Collections in the School Tower, because they understood the whole Case about Edmund Fraunces, relating to their

College, was in them. I told them I had, and that they were contain'd in several Volumes. I said, sure the Warden of All Souls College (who pretends to be so much Mr. Cockman's Friend) would shew them to them. They said he was very ready to do it, as he pretended, but being not in a condition to go up himself, he said his Man could not tell how to find them. I found this to be shuffling. I told them that in the Muséum Ashm., among Ant. à Wood's Papers, there was a Book containing a particular Account, by way of *Repertorium*, of all Things in every Volume of Mr. Twyne's Coll. I advis'd them to consult this, & take down the very place and volume where what they wanted was to be met with. Mr. Nevil said he would immediately go to the Muséum, and do this. And on Wednesday last seeing Mr. Browne, he told me they had found the Book of Mr. Twyne's wch they wanted, the Warden of All Souls College having permitted them to go up to the Tower to search for it, and after they had found it, they brought the Volume to the Warden's Lodgings, and he said Mr. Nevile was actually then at the Warden's looking over the Book, where was the whole Case, with the Warden.

On the 8th instant (being Saturday) died of a Consumption at Cowley, near Oxford, one Mr. Peirce of Exeter College, a young Gentleman (who was very handsome, I know not whether a Commoner or Gentleman Commoner), and was buried in the Church of Cowley on May 10th, being Monday.

Mr. Piperd, alias Pepper, of St. Clement's, alias Bridgset, near Oxford, told me to-day, as he hath done several times before, that next August he is compleat sixty two Years of Age.

May 29 (Sat., Restauration Day). On Monday last was hang'd at Tyburne Mr. Jonathan Wild, the famous Thief Catcher. This Man was look'd upon, and deservedly, as one of the greatest, if not the very greatest Rogue in England. He was the Prince of Thieves & Villains. Oaths were taken to him, & all Things were at his direction. He knew & had hand in all Robberies, Thefts, &c., & had his Proportion, but then 'twas usual with him to discover many a man, & to get them taken off, such as he did not like, or proved otherwise than he would have them. He help'd many to their own again, but not without great Rewards, & 'twas this that brought him to the Gallowes.

Mr. Digby Cotes preach'd before the University of Oxford this day at St. Marie's.

May 30 (Sun.). Dr. Richd Tyson is chosen Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, in the room of Dr. Wm Wagstaffe, deceas'd. He was oppos'd by Dr. Wm Barrowby, formerly of Trinity College in Oxford, who married a Daughter of Mr. Sellard, of Oxford, Taylour (the same that was Mayor, and was discommuned for his Rudeness to the Vice-Chancellour and Scholars, when Queen Anne came to Oxford), and now lives in London with her, & hath good Business, as I am told. As for Dr. Tyson, he is a Man of a very good Reputation for his Learning, & Skill, & Success. It seems, Dr. Pearce Dod, Fellow of All Souls Coll., who practises in London, tho' he hath not much Business, had a great mind to this Place, but the Dr. being not great with Dr. Mead, Dr. Freind, Dr. Hales, and some of the leading Men, he could

not make any considerable Interest, &, indeed, he hath been deserted by many that were formerly his Friends, purely upon account of his changing sides, being now a mighty Man for Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls College, & his Party, whereas formerly no man was more warm & violent against them.

May 31 (Mon.). There is just come out in 8vo, *The History of the Revolution*, by Mr. Laurence Eachard. He calls the Rebellion by the Name of Revolution, & the forcing the King from his Dominions a Desertion, just like others that stand up in defence of the wicked Proceedings at that time.

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June 1 (Tu.). This Afternoon was buried at Heddington, near Oxford, old Mrs. Godfrey, Widow of Mr. Godfrey (the Carpenter) of that place, a very honest man, who died some time since. Her heart was broke, upon account of her Son (Henry Godfrey), a wicked Wretch, who keeps company with that vile woman that lately kill'd her husband there, tho' she be permitted to go about, & hath not been apprehended. And 'tis much fear'd that this Henry Godfrey had no small hand in bringing that thing about, as well as old Absalom (a farmer there), who is another Companion of this Woman's.

May 31, 1725. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 107. 160). The account of Mr. Donhault was acceptable. Does not doubt that he is the same that was godfather to the 'Arch-Rebell's' son. Remarks on Mr. Anstis's Knighthood of the Bath, the Promptorium Parvulorum, and Piers Plowman.

May 31, 1725. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 107). Finds nothing in the Liber Festialis relating to St. Winifred except what is noted in the Legenda Aurea. Hopes to be in Oxford in ten days, and will bring draughts of two rare Saxon coins belonging to Mr. Granger.

June 1, 1725. H. to P. Le Neve (Diaries, 108. 1). Remarks on several books lent him by P. Le N. What sort of thing is Norden's Account of Windsor?

June 1, 1725. T. Coney to H. (Rawl. 4. 92). Received H.'s letter after a long absence from Chedzoy. Account of Mr. Andrew Paschal: his books and papers fell into the hands of Dr. Maunders, Master of Balliol. Intends to reside at Bath for the rest of his life.

June 2, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 108. 4. Original, Rawl. 112, 197). Progress of Langtoft. Inquires about Winkin de Worde's Life of Joseph of Arimathy.

June 2, [1725]. E. Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 119). Has sent a list of the books, according to promise. 'I saw my Uncle Will. Yesterday: he Desires to be Rem[em]bred to you; hee is uery sencable, but feeble. I had some talk with him about Ceser's Camp: hee says hee thinks itt to be Really Roman; hee says itt is a uast high hill Cast up by Nature, but haueing prodigious strong Bulworks Cast up by art; he thinks itt to haue been inaccessable, and is about a Mile Round, with four princepall ways into itt. I was a-talking with one Slow of Warfield, an old man, about itt, for I was neuer there my self, and I Remmember he said there is a place some Distance from itt Called Wickham Bushes, where there is frequently abundance of old Ruins of Buildings to be

June 3 (Th.). Mr. Balladoure, the Frenchman (who is one of Mr. David Gregory's Deputies), told me to-day that he was (some time since) Petty Canon or Chaplain of Peterborough, a Place given him by Dr. White Kennett, then Dean; but it being small (not above 20 libs. per an.), he quitted it, because he could not get any liberty to be at all absent, tho' he had fifty libs. per an. offered him to teach French in a noble Family, the Dean telling him that (if he were Petty Canon) he must be always resident, without any absence at all.

June 5 (Sat.). Yesterday as I walk'd to Abbington, beyond Blake's Oak, I met with one Farmer White, coming from Abbington, who keeps the Farm House call'd Sugworth Farm, by Blake's Oak. He told me his Father (old White, who kept that Farm before him) died about 2 Years and an half ago, aged 92 Years, and that his Mother died after his Father, but in the same Year, aged 101.

Old White and old Mr. Brooklande (who hath been dead some Years) of Sunningwell were very great together. White would always come to Brookland's every year at Sunningwell Feast, & they would talk much together, as well as at other times, particularly about the Civil Warrs and the hanging of Blake, wch both of them saw. White was a very chearfull, merry old Man. Brookland was press'd to drive his teem at the time of the Edge Hill Fight. Brookland stood at a distance, and saw all the fight, as he was under a Hedge. Brookland was about 20 years old at the time of that fight. 'Twas in those days a sad time at Sunningwell, wch lying between the two Garrisons of Oxford and Abbington, they were very much harass'd by the Souldiers, who would take their Bread out of the Ovens. Brookland and White were both for the King. Brookland was press'd to go to Edgehill for the King.

June 6 (Sun.). The Earl of Macclesfield (Sir Thomas Parker) having lately resign'd the Great Seal, he being Ld Chancellour of England, wch Post he held many Years, and got thereby abundance of Wealth, he was afterwards impeach'd of high Crimes and Misdemeanours. His Tryal before the Lords lasted several days, and all the Articles were prov'd against him, even so far as himself even confess'd them in his Defence, which was the poorest that ever was made. Among other vile Practises, he had cheated poor Orphans & Widows of above an hundred and seven thousand Pounds. But notwithstanding all this, & his selling Places, & his constant practise of Bribery, the Sentence

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seen. My uncle sais he obserued that place, and [it] is a plain peice of ground, but uery unleuell from ye Camp to itt; this is all the account I can giue yett.' [An engraved sketch of Cæsar's Camp follows this letter.]

June 3, 1725. H. to B. Willis (Diaries, 108. 6). What authority has B. W. for saying that Henry de Blois, Abbot of Glastonbury, was buried in Ivingho Church? [See Diary, June 7.]

June 4, 1725. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 108. 10). Wants to know in what year Andrew Paschal died.

June 4, 1725. H. to J. West (Diaries, 108. 7). Remarks on the Liber Festialis, the Life of St. Winifred by Robertus Salopiensis, &c.

June 5, 1725. T. Granger to H. (Rawl. 27b. 259). Sends by Mr. West draughts of two Saxon coins.

against him was only to pay thirty thousand Pounds, & to be imprison'd in the Tower 'till he pay the Money, wch is look'd upon as just nothing, no body doubting but this Fine will be remitted, or if it be not, 'tis nothing in proportion to the Crimes & the Riches he acquir'd by Villany. Sir Peter King is made Ld Chancellour of England in his stead.

June 7 (Mon.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, abt 6 Clock, call'd upon me Browne Willis, Esq., being, as he said, going this day into Herefordshire. I ask'd him what authority he had in his Account of Abbats to make Henry de Blois, Abbat of Glastonbury and Bp of Winchester, to be buried in the Church of Ivingho in Bucks. But found that he had not any at all. But it seems, as he said, there is in that Church a defac'd Monument under an Arch in the Chancell of that Church, and Mr. Willis saith that tradition will have it to be a Monument to this Henry de Blois, and this is all the ground he hath for asserting that he was buried in that Church, wch is so very weak that I shall not insist upon it, only note that John of Glastonbury, in his MS. Chronicle of Glastonbury that my Ld Bruce hath lent me, and wch I design to print, expressly tells us that he was buried at Winchester, and Mr. Willis now acknowledges that he was buried there, and told me that he had found other authority in Ashmole's Muséum, in some MS. Account of the Burial of Bps, that he was really interr'd at Winchester. He also told me that the Nunnery of Ivingho was 3 Miles farther than the Church of Ivingho, and that there is nothing of it now but a Farm House, in wch dwells a farmer.

Mr. Willis hath eight Children, as himself told me, living.

Aug. 29, 1724, George Gibson was born at Paradice Hall, near Cairfax in Oxford, about five Clock in the Morning.

June 8 (Tu.). Mr. Blakeway, M.A. and Student of Xt Church, is made Master of Xt Church School, in the room of Mr. Wyat, prefer'd in Essex.

Yesterday Mr. Browne Willis did acknowledge to me, before Mr. Whiteside, that he was the Author of the Preface to the Obitual in a Book call'd, *The Antiquities of Hereford*, in wch Preface mention is made of the Missal of Hereford. And this Mr. Willis had formerly acknowledg'd to me, both by writing and by word of Mouth. He is very angry with Dr. Smalbroke for taking notice of him as a poor Author, in a Preface to a Sermon preach'd at Landaffe, and he designs to animadvert upon the Dr. in a Work he is now printing about our English Cathedrals, in three Volumes, as he told me, in 8vo.

June 9 (Wed.). At the same time I shew'd Mr. Willis a great Mistake (as there are thousands in that Collection) in the iid vol., p. 261,

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June 8, [1725]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 101). Knows nothing of Richard Frances. Account of Andrew Paschal. 'I am glad, for Mr. Anstis's sake, to hear of a Promotion of Knights of the Bath, since it may turn to great account. His Book on that subject may do him more service then that of the Garter, tho' the latter be a much greater work, & upon a superior Order. But Books have their Fate, as other things, & the best Books (as you know very well) have not always the quickest sale.' [PS.] Message for Dr. Fiddes.

of his *History of Abbies*, as he calls it, where he makes *William de Newton* to be made Abbat of Pershore, Anno 1434, by virtue of these Verses in the Church there :—

M.C. Bis bino triplex x addere quarto,
Anno Willelmus Dominus Newton *fit Abbas.*

Whereas the true Reading of that Inscription is,

MC. bis bino triplex x addere quarto
Anno Willelmus domini Newnton fecit Abbas.

as may be seen in p. 676 of my Ed. of Heming's Chartulary of the Ch. of Worcester, & in § xxii of my Preface to that Work. So that the true Name of the Abbat was W^m^ Newnton, not Newton, Newnton being the old way of writing Naunton; and whereas 'tis in M^r^. Willis, Dñs, i. e. *Dominus* (a Title for a Bachelor of Arts), it should be *dñi*, i.e. *domini*; & whereas he hath *fit*, it should be *fecit*, the verse so requiring also. And, indeed, it relates not to Newnton's being made Abbat, but to the South Cross Isle of Pershore Church, that was built, anno Domini 1434, by Newnton. M^r^. Willis was willing to justifie his own Reading by saying he had it from D^r^. Hutton's Papers, & that he had also seen the Inscription it self at Pershore, tho' at last he said he believ'd it should be *fuit*. But still this does not set the matter right, because it quite takes away the Benefaction of Newnton, w^ch^ *fecit* ascribes to him, &, in short, there is no manner of doubt about *fecit*'s being the true Reading, as any one will readily allow that shall be pleased to consult Heming. As for D^r^. Hutton, whose Papers M^r^. Willis (tho' without Acknowledgment) hath glean'd, I cannot think that 'tis *fit* in him, tho' if it be, 'tis certainly an Error, & M^r^. Willis (since he saw the Stone it self) might easily, had he taken pains, have corrected it.

June 10 (Th.). There hath not, in the Memory of Man, been known to be a greater number of Haws, Hips, &c., than was last year, 1724, whence it was generally concluded that it would be a very hard Winter. The Winter, indeed, proved mild, but very long, so long as such a one hath not been known within my remembrance, in so much that as there hath been for many Weeks (above two Months almost) constant Rains, and it hath been very cold, considering the season (so that Fires have been kept even till Sunday and Monday last, Sunday being a day of hard rain, from six a Clock in the Morning till past four the next Morning, without Intermission), this sad, wet Weather hath caused a Floud, to the great damage of the Grass, of w^ch^ there is a vast Plenty. It rain'd also almost all day to-day, w^ch^ was very cold, & People kept Fires, tho' yesterday it was fair [1].

[1] It was rainy also on June 11^th^, & very cold, so that people crept to Fires, & complain'd that it was full as cold as at X^tmass^. Also very cold, June 12^th^ & June 13^th^. June 14^th^, cold, & most part of the Afternoon, as well as the greatest part of the night, till six clock next morning, very wet. June 15, fair after 6, but most part of the day cold. June 16^th^, rain'd, & was very cold all day, & the greatest part of the night, even 'till after six Clock Thursd. Morn., June 17, after w^ch^ also it rain'd very hard till past 12 Clock the said 17 June, & was then fair. The 18^th^ was fair, but the

June 12 (Sat.). On Tuesday last, in the Evening (June 8th), was buried in the Ch. Yard of St. Peter's in the East, one Mrs. Bourchier, whose Husband sells Ale in that Parish. She died on Sunday last (June 6th) in Childbed (being a young Woman), for wch the Midwife, Mrs. Tredwell, is much blam'd by some Women, who say she went away when Mrs. Bourchier was in labour, and then Mr. Wood, a famous Man Midwife was sent for, when 'twas too late, and he was forc'd to pull the Child away by piece meal, & yet could not save the Woman's Life; but others say Mrs. Bourchier kill'd her self by strayning in lifting Barrells too hard sometime before, insomuch that she came before her time, and the Midwife, Mrs. Tredwell, said a fortnight before that she would die this bout.

On Wednesday Morning last died of a Dropsy, and was buried at Ifley the next day, one Mrs. Wild, widow of one Wild, a Hatter of St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxon., in wch Parish she died, but was buried at Ifley, because she was born and lived with her first Husband at Littlemore, part of wch is in Iffley Parish. After her second Husband Wild's Death, she still kept on her Trade of selling Hats & Caps, & took into her House one Tea, the Son of old Mrs. Tea, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, who was her Agent, & [lived] with her as her husband, tho' it does not appear that they were married. She also sold Ale. There is a younger Sister of this Mrs. Wild (whose Maiden Name was Blay) now living at Littlemore, aged thirty nine (I think her Name is Sarah Blay), who, about 3 weeks or a Month since, had a Bastard by a begger boy that she took into her House at Littlemore [. . . . . .]. No body else, it seems, liv'd with them. The boy is now about 18 or

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June 11, 1725. H. to T. Granger (Diaries, 108. 22). Received letter of 5th instant, with draughts enclosed. Can't judge from the latter whether the coins are genuine. Congratulates T. G. on the recovery of his health.

June 11, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 108. 23. Original, Rawl. 34. 108). Wants to know whether Andrew Paschal, formerly rector of Chedzoy, was a fellow of the Royal Society.

June 12, 1725. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 18). [See Diary, July 5.]

June 12, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 31). Believes Mr. Graves does not care to lend his Fordun: is far from desiring H.'s, but could have wished for a transcript of what relates to Coventry. 'My MS. is now copying

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19th there was a great deal of rain, as there was also the night and day (June 20th) following, the 20th day being also very cold, in so much that people crept to fires as if it had been Xtmass. June 21, very wet all day, and a great part of the Night. June 22d, dry, but very windy & cold. June 23d: A great deal of wet, and very cold. June 24th, much rain in the Morning, after wch 'twas very cold & windy, and in the Evening, when the Wind abated a little, there was much rain. June 25th: It rain'd hard from 2 'till near 10 clock in the Morning, and 'twas a cold day. June 26, dry, but very cold. June 27, the greatest part of the day cold, and small Rain. June 28, very hot and fair, and it continued fair and warm 'till Friday, July 2d, when it was very fine weather (but excessively hot) till about twelve clock, when of a sudden it began to thunder, and there was a great deal of it, the Claps being very loud, all the afternoon, tho' but little rain, it being not very near us. July 3d, some small rain fell, otherwise 'twas a fine day. July 4th, a fine day. July 5, a very wet, windy, dark, dismal day. July 6, a great deal of rain about 5 clock in the morning till towards six, and afterwards from 11 'till near one, but then it prov'd fair and warm.

19 Years old. This Blay keeps two or three Cows, under pretence of a Dary, & I know not what.

June 13 (Sun.). Dr. John Wallis, tho' he us'd no exercise (at least, very little), was, however, very healthy, and died in the 87th Year of his Age. He was a very hard student, even to the last, and (wch is remarkable) used no Spectacles, insomuch that I saw him, a little before he died, in the Bodlejan Library (in one of the darkest places thereof), reading a Book of a small letter without Spectacles, at wch time he writ the Note, mentioned in the 1st of these Volumes, about the Madrid Index Expurgatorius. He would usually sit at his Studies 12 or 14 hours together.

This Morning died Mr. Richd Johnson Mancipal of Edmund Hall's youngest child, a Son, born Jan. 1, 1723, wch had lost one Eye, about half a Year ago, through a cold, and some carelessness, so he hath only one child, a boy, now living.

June 14 (Mon.). About a Week since I bought for 2s., handsomely bound and lettered (nor was I ask'd more, and if I had insisted upon it, I might have had it cheaper), White Kennet's *Ecclesiastical Synods and Parliamentary Convocations in the Church of England Historically stated, and justly vindicated from the Misrepresentations of Mr. Atterbury ;* Lond., 1701, 8vo. With wch is bound also another Piece by the same Author, intit., *An Occasional Letter on the Subject of English Convocations. By the Author of Ecclesiastical Synods and Parliamentary Convocations in the Church of England ;* Lond., 1701. The first of these Pieces was sold for 5s., when it first came out. I bought the Book of a Bookseller, Mr. Richd Clements.

This day, between 11 and 12 Clock, before dinner, Edward Burton, Esq., my Friend, lately Commoner of Oriel-Coll., now of the Middle-Temple, call'd upon me, and told me that Selden's Works, by Dr. Wilkins, are just printed, as it were, and will be published, in all probability, next

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out by an ingenious Friend, who seems well assured yt it has never yet appear'd in Print.' Thanks for quotation from Glastonbury about organs, but would have been glad to have seen the book itself.

June 14, [1725 ?]. **J. Thorpe to H.** (Rawl. 10. 106). Thanks for books received on Friday last. Wants several of H.'s publications. Can supply any friend with Textus or Avesbury.

July 7th, a fair day, and pretty warm. July 8th, some wet, but 'twas carried off by a cold, high wind, wch continued all day and all night. July 9th, a very high wind all day, and many showers. July 10th, a very wet, cold day. July 11th, a very cold, raw day (tho' little rain), wch made people keep Fires. July 12th, very cold, but no rain 'till towards the Evening, when it rain'd pretty smartly. July 13, fair 'till about 4 Clock, when it rain'd hard for about 2 hours. July 14, fair at Oxford, but great Showers 5 or 6 Miles from it (in Barkshire) beyond Cumnore. July 15, a vast deal of rain, as there was also, as it were, all the night 'till past 8 Clock next day, July 16, when there were many great showers, tho' sometimes very warm, fair, & gloomy. July 17, a very fair day, but windy, and somewhat cold. Some say there was a little sprinkling of Rain. July 18, very cold, & a little rain. July 19, a fine, fair day. July 20, very cold, and a shower between 5 & 6 in the Evening. July 21, a very wet day. July 22d, very wet. July 23, very little rain. July 24, fair, and so it continued (tho' some days were very windy and cold) 'till Saturday, July 31, when, about 4 Clock in the Afternoon, we had small Rain for more than an hour. After wch it

Winter. He said Dr. Wilkins had published the best Piece of all Selden's Works, *de Dijs Syris*, from a Copy corrected by Hen. Jacob, which he had from Dr. Tanner. I know not what Jacob's Corrections are. This I know, that that Book ought chiefly to be ascribed to Jacob, he being really the original Author. Mr. Burton said Wilkins design'd to publish the said Book, *de Dijs Syris*, in Holland, in an 8vo Book by it self, with all the Notes that have been printed upon it, and a great many new ones of his own. Mr. Burton spoke of Mr. Selden as a strange, intricate, obscure, immethodical Writer, & so 'tis certain he was, and I think his English is rather darker than his Latin.

June 15 (Tu.). Mr. Burton observ'd that my Friend Mr. Anstis's Book (in 2 Vols., fol.), wch I have not yet seen, of the Register of the Garter, is very curious, and full of that kind of Learning, but that his Qto Essay about Kts of the Bath is slight & mean, & contains nothing of moment but what is in Selden. And, indeed, Du Fresne in his Glossary hath an excellent Discourse upon that Subject. But Mr. Anstis was desired to write, & as 'twas written and printed within 3 Weeks, allowances are to be made, as even himself told me. I fear he will not resume the Register of the Garter, because he complains that he wants due Encouragement, which is pity.

June 16 (Wed.). Last Night Mr. Bailladoure, the Frenchman, called upon me, and shew'd me a box of Coyns, above 40 of wch are Silver. Most of them are Roman, and very good. A pretty many of them were found (as he told me) at Chesterton, a Roman Camp five Miles from Peterborough. One of those found there is of Geta. One of his Silver Coyns is of P. Ypsa.

Yesterday my Friend, Mr. John Leak, own'd his Marriage with Mrs. — Masters, Sister of Mrs. — Masters, who is buried in the Church of St. Peter's in the East, and of Mrs. Fletcher, Widow of Mr. Fletcher, lately second Master of Eaton School. Mr. Leak hath made his Addresses to her many years, but, it seems, she did not think fit to marry 'till after

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June 15, 1725. W. Thomas to H. (Tanner, 456a. 56). Asks H. to procure him transcripts of the deeds relating to Blackmore Priory in the Ashmolean Museum.

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continued fair (tho' somewhat cold) 'till Saturday, Aug. 7, when, and in the night following, as also on Sund., Aug. 8, there was a pretty deal of small rain. Aug. 9, some rain to-day, as was also in the night time. Aug. 10, a great deal of rain this morning. And in the afternoon was abundance of Thunder, Lightning, and Rain. Aug. 11: Some Rain to-day. Aug. 12: A vast deal of Rain to-day. Yet very early in the Morning they began mowing Barley in New Parks, by Wadham College, but were forc'd to leave off. Aug. 13: A great deal of Rain. They began reaping in some Places about Oxford three or four days ago. But the Corn, a great deal of it, is so very green that a Farmer of Forresthill told me yesterday 'twould not be fit to cut in three weeks' time, let the Weather be what it will. Aug. 14: Some Rain. Aug. 15: A vast Quantity of Rain. Aug. 16, a very fine Morning, but the Afternoon prov'd extraordinary wet, even for a great many hours together, so as to continue a great part of the Night. Aug. 17, a great deal of rain in the Morning, and some afterwards, & it was a very windy day. Aug. 18: A very fine, dry, warm day. Aug. 19, a very fine, warm day, without any wet. Aug. 20: A little Rain in the Morning, but afterwards a very fine day. Aug. 21: A little Rain, otherwise a good harvest day.

the Death of Mr. Leak's Father. They live with the Widow Fletcher by Hart Hall, in the parish of St. Peter's in the East.

The Revd Dr. Wm Burscough is appointed Bishop of Limerick, in room of Dr. Thomas Smith, deceas'd.—*Northampton Mercury* for June 14, 1725.

On the 9th instant Thomas Scawen, Esq., Nephew and Heir of Sir Wm Scawen, deceas'd, was married to the only Daughter of the Lord James Russel, a Fortune of 60000l.—*Ibid.*

Gray Longeville, Esq., is made Bath King at Arms for the Service of that Order of Knighthood (wch is reviv'd[1]), and the Duke of Mountague, Grand Master, hath sent Letters to all the Knights to send the Names of their Esquires, with their Armes, to Enarme [?] the right to bear them.—*Ibid.*

On the 11th instant the late Lord Viscount Bolingbroke took the Oaths in the Court of Chancery in Westminster-Hall, on account of being pardon'd.—*Ibid.*

This shews him to be a R., as I formerly mentioned, he having been a spy abroad, and therefore at last discarded by K. J. III.

June 17 (Th.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, to choose a Minister of Nettlebed and Pishull, near Wattlington, wch belongs to the University to supply (upon the Death of Mr. Horne, late Minister there), upon account of the Stoners of Watlington Park being Papists, to whom it otherwise belongs. Old Mr. Stoner died lately, and his Son (as I am told) is a Minor, & the Trustees thereupon put in one Godwyn, or Goodwyn, but this was not valid, it seems, and thereupon the University put in their Claim. There were two that appear'd for this Place (wch is but small and inconsiderable), viz. Mr. Nathaniel Wells, formerly M.A. of Edm. Hall (of wch Place [was?] his Father, who hath been dead many Years, soon after Dr. Mill, whom he serv'd, and his Mother is now a Bedmaker at Edmund Hall), and Mr. Colmer, M.A. and Clarke of Magd. Coll., who married the Daughter of Mr. Plastin, the Taylour, of St. Peter's in the East, Mr. Wells, who hath been Curate at Swinecombe and another Place in those Parts several Years, carried it, having 97 votes, & Mr. Colmer only 45. This Colmer

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June 17, 1725. H. to W. Thomas (Diaries, 108. 37). Received W. T.'s of the 15th, and communicated it to Mr. Whiteside. Advises him to write to Mr. W. direct.

Aug. 22, fair. Aug. 23, a prodigious strange, rainy day, and cold. It began to rain very hard a little before four a clock in the Morning, and continued so (the Wind East) for above nine hours, without any Intermission, 'till between one and two clock in the Afternoon, when it ceas'd for a little while, but soon began again (the wind as it was, tho' somewt inclining to the South), and did not cease 'till betw. 8 and 9 clock in the Evening, after which the wind was very high, as it was (being in the North) all day Aug. 24, which, however, was a fair day. Aug. 25, a fair, dry day. Aug. 26, some small rain in the Afternoon. After wch, very fine weather 'till Sund., Aug. 29, six Clock, when there was some (tho' not much) rain. After wch it continued very fair, fine Weather 'till about 4 Clock on Friday, Sept. 3d, in the Afternoon, when it rain'd pretty smartly for two hours or more. And there was some rain the next day, Sept. 4. Sept. 6, some small rain, & so also Sept. 7. Sept. 10: Some rain [in] the Morning, but not much, it being afterwards an hot, fine day. Sep. 13: A great deal of Rain in the Evening. Sept. 14, a pretty deal of rain in the Morning. Sept. 15:

[1] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

(I am told) went into Orders but last Sunday, being ordain'd by Benj. Hoadley, Bp of Sarum, having been turn'd by before more than once for Insufficiency, being hardly able to read.

Yesterday I had some discourse with Mr. John Troutbecke, whom I have not seen for about 20 Years. This Mr. Troutbecke was first a poor Child at Queen's Coll., but turn'd by from being Taberder, upon occasion of some Spight. Then he came to Edmund Hall, where he took the Degree of M.A., July 5, 1704, having at that time a Cure in Hampshire. From Hampshire he removed into Northamptonshire, where he was for some time a Curate, and at length became Minister of St. Peter's in Earthlingborow, & Master of the Free School of Wellingborow in that County. He married a Wife with a good Fortune, lives well, having an Estate of fourscore Pounds per an., besides Money. He told me also that he hath purchas'd the perpetual Advowson of a Living. He hath had 7 Children by his wife, of wch there are only 3 (all boys) living, the eldest of wch (12 Years of Age) he hath brought to New College Schoole. This Mr. Troutbeck (who is a good sort of Man) hath published an Assize Sermon, preached at Northampton in 1710, upon these Words, *The Foundation of God standeth sure*, &c. I found he hath also published something else, but without his Name, & what it is I could not learn.

June 18 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. Edwd Burton (who is still in Oxford) told me that he design'd to write a Discourse relating to the Jews in England, viz. about their coming hither and settling here, in order to which he was making Collections.

He hath transcrib'd Mr. Selden's Notes upon Camden's Britannia, as they are to be seen in a Copy of Camd. in Selden's Library. The said Notes are but slight, and they are (at least, what is of any consideration) already, as I take it, printed in Gibson's Camden.

June 19 (Sat.). On Thursday Night last, spending the Evening with Mr. Baillerdeau, the Frenchman, together with Mr. Whiteside,

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June 18, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 108. 38. Original, Rawl. 112. 199). Has received draughts of two coins from Mr. Granger. Before writing about them, it would be necessary to see the originals.

Several Showers. Sept. 16: Some Rain. Sept. 21: A little Rain. Sept. 22: A great deal of Rain this Morning. Sept. 23: It rain'd very hard from 2 clock 'till nine this Morning. Sept. 24: Some Rain, but not much. Sept. 25, a very great Shower about four clock in the Morning. Sept. 26: A very great Rain for about 7 hours together, viz. from about 3 'till about 10 in the Morning. Sept. 27: It rain'd very hard for the greatest part of the day, and all the Evening. Sept. 28: A very high wind almost all day & a good part of the night, so that much Rain did not fall. Sept. 29, a very fine, calm day, only there was a little Rain in the Afternoon. Sept. 30: A very little Rain to-day. Oct. 2: A Shower in the Evening, about 10 Clock, otherwise a very fine day. Oct. 3d: A Shower about 2 in the Morning, but afterwards a very fine day. Oct. 4th, a very wet day. Oct. 5th, a little Rain, but not much. Oct. 6th, a very rainy day. Oct. 7th: Much Rain. Oct. 10, a total Eclipse of the Moon, and that day 'twas very cold, but fair, as it was also Oct. 11th, but Oct. 12th (wch was an exceeding cold day) there fell a pretty deal of Rain in the Afternoon. Oct. 15, a very great Shower about 11 or 12 Clock at night. Oct. 18: A violent Shower about 7 Clock, for near an hour. After wch there was also a great Rain (tho' not so violent as that) all day long 'till

the said Frenchman told us that Mr. Joseph Sparke (who published a Volume in fol. of the *Scriptores Historiæ Anglicanæ*) hath a parsonage of about 400 libs. per an., that he is Register and Petty Canon of Peterborough, is very rich, a married Man, & about 36 Years old, that he got clear by publishing the said Book (which might have been brought into an 8vo Volume) at least six hundred Pounds. He said Mr. Sparke is an excellent Scholar, of a great memory, admirably well versed in the Editions of Books, that he is mad a quarter of a year together every Year, that he is a man of very great acquaintance, particularly among the Nobility, that he is very sober (having, he thinks, never drunk a glass of wine or ale in his life), & that he is always among his Books, wholly delighting in Study. The said Mr. Baillardeau is entered among the Subscribers to Mr. Sparke's Book thus: *The Reverend Mr. Lewis Baillardeau, Professor of Languages, London.* Mr. Baillardeau said he paid three Guineas for the said Book, it being, he said, of the better Paper (tho' it be not express'd so in the List of Subscribers), but that any one should have it for a Guinea.

June 20 (Sun.). Yesterday meeting Mr. Gagnier in the Streets, he told me that he was about publishing Abulpheda's Geography, in order to which he was transcribing Mr. Guise's Copy in All-Souls-Coll. Library, wch Copy, indeed, is very fair, and fit for the Press, Mr. Guise having most accurately performed this Work, but was cut off by the small Pox before he could print it. As for what Mr. Gagnier will do, I do not exspect much, he being a man of but indifferent parts, and of no clear head, and not at all skill'd in Geography. I remember, some years since, I heard Dr. Halley mightily commend Mr. Simon Ockley, then in Oxford, for his extraordinary Skill in Arabick, at the same time that he spoke slightly of Mr. Gagnier, as but raw in it. Mr. Gagnier designs some Account of Mr. Guise before the Book, & ask'd me about some particulars. I told him he might see his Monument in St. Michael's Church in Oxford. I sent the Inscription on it to the present Earl of Oxford. Mr. Guise's Son is now living, viz. Colonel Guise, who can tell many particulars about his Father.

June 21 (Mon.). Mr. James Anderson of Scotland is now in London, printing his *Formulare Scoticanum*, for that, I think, is the Book, tho'

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almost nine Clock at night. Oct. 19: Some (but not much) Rain. Oct. 21, a great deal of Rain. Oct. 22: Much small Rain. Oct. 24: Some Rain. Oct. 28: Some Rain in the Evening, & a good part of the Night. Oct. 29: A very blustering, windy day, with some Rain. Nov. 5th: Some small Rain, but afterwards a great deal of hard Rain fell in the Night time. Nov. 7th, a great deal of Rain in the Evening, and a good part of the Night. Nov. 8: Abundance of Rain almost all day long, and that very hard. Wch Rain, & what hath fallen above, hath caused a very great Floud, Nov. 10. Nov. 23, a shower in the Evening, between 7 and eight Clock. Dec. 1, 1725, a pretty deal of Rain in the Evening. Dec. 2d: Rain in the Evening, and a pretty deal in the Night, with much Wind. Dec. 3d: A pretty deal of Rain in the Morning, & very windy, but afterwards fair, tho' the Wind continued very blustering, & in the Evening, about eight Clock, was a great Storm of Hail. Dec. 4, very windy, and a little Rain. Dec. 6th: About two Clock in the Morning it snow'd hard (tho' before it had freez'd hard), and afterwards was much Rain. Dec. 7th: A great deal of Rain in the Morning, and the Wind was extremely high the greatest part of the day, being North West, and about 10 Clock in the Morning, for three or four Minutes,

some tell me 'tis a History of Scotland, in w^ch his Son also assists, & I am told that it will be a curious Book. He is also doing something about the Queen of Scots.

June 22 (Tu.). Last Night I spent the Evening with M^r. Burton, one of the Proproctors of the University, & Fellow of Corpus X^ti Coll., M^r. Whiteside of the Muséum, and my Friend, M^r. West of Balliol College. D^r. Stukely was much talk'd of by us before M^r. Burton came in, particularly his new Book of an hundred Cuts, w^ch some very deservedly call D^r. Stukely's hundred Fancies, w^ch I have not yet seen, but 'tis universally condemn'd as strange, weak, ridiculous Stuff, even worse, as it were, than Poynter of Merton's Things. He indulges his Fancy to that degree, as to endeavour to impose any Thing upon the World for Antiquity, whereas at the same time his Draughts do not agree to the Originals. He published, a few Years since, Waltham Cross, pretending it to be exact, whereas it was only as he fancied it should be, but my Friend, John Bridges, Esq., gave us one just as it is, quite different from Stukely's. What shall we think of a man that can not, or will not, give us so easy a Thing as a Cross as it is, but just as his Fancy leads him, and yet at the same [time] will pretend to give us Draughts of the most considerable Antiquities we have? In Moll's Britannia we have Stukely's Map of the Roman Roads so very strange that as it differs from all others, so 'tis by no means agreeable to the Truth. He look'd over M^r. Ba[i]l-lardeau's Coyns, those that I have mentioned above, p. 32, and put down the Names of most of them in a Paper that M^r. Baillardeau shew'd me. As M^r. Baillardeau only just shew'd me the Coyns, without leaving any of them with me to consider them, so I could not discover D^r. Stukely's Blunders, but one, I remember, was very palpable, when he put down *Persa* for *Ypsa*.

In pag. 26 of M^r. Penton's Apparatus ad Theologiam are these Words: *Et ut in animos puerorum tum verba tum sensus Autorum altiores agant*

June 22, 1725. W. Thomas to H. (Tanner, 456^a. 57). Will acquaint Ld. Oxford with H.'s readiness to serve him. 'The Returns from M^r. Whiteside last year, when D^r. Stratford spoke to him about this affair, were such that I could not expect better Success from any writing to him now.' [Note by Hearne:—'Rec^d, June 23, 1725.']

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was so violent a Hurricane that it took off a great Quantity of Lead in the New Buildings by the Provost's Lodgings of Queen's College, and some of the Lead being blow'd against a Stack of Chimneys, all came down together, but it happen'd that no body was under. Dec. 9^th, a fine day, only there was some small Rain in the Evening. Dec. 10^th: A fair day 'till Night, when, about 10 Clock, it began to rain hard, & so continued till 7 or eight Clock the next Morning. Dec. 11: A great deal of Rain in the Evening, and the Wind very high, & so it continued blowing very strongly (being Westerly, and a little to the North) till four Clock next Morning. After this was a great Floud, w^ch began a little to abate on Dec. 17. Dec. 20: Some Rain in the Evening. Dec. 22: A great deal of Rain in the Morning, and between nine and ten Clock Hail, Rain, & Snow, all together, with much Wind, w^ch was then West, but it presently turn'd to North East. Dec. 23: This Morning was also a pretty deal of Wet. Dec. 25, a wet, dull, dark day. Dec. 30: Some Rain early in the Morning. NB. The said Notes about the Weather I put down upon account of the Year's 1715 [*sic*] being the wettest Year that I ever yet knew.

radices, teneantur pueri quæ recitant simul *eadem Anglicè reddere memoriter, quod in usu est hodiè Viro his artibus valdè instructo, qui suum hunc mihi morem communicavit.* Mr. Penton here understands Mr. Thomas Collins, late Master of Magd. Coll. Schoole, Oxon., as Mr. Collins himself told me some few years before he (the said Mr. Collins) died.

This day proceeded Dr. of Divinity Mr. John Middleton, lately Chaplain of Merton College, and now a London Preacher. He took the Degree of M.A., June 18, 1702.

June 23 (Wed.). Last Week was entered as a Member of University-College the Rt Honble Charles-Noel, Brother to the Duke of Beaufort, who is just gone from the College (without paying the College, it is supposed by the Contrivance of his Tutor, Denison), wch Lord was born in Sept., 1709 (and his Brother, the Duke, in Apr., 1707), his Mother (being his Father's 2d Lady) dying in Child-bed with him, she having had two Children before, viz. the present Duke, & John, who died as soon as born in 1708. Their said Mother's Name was the Lady Rachel Noel, second Daughter and Co-heir to Wriothesely Baptist, late Earl of Gainsborough, & she was married to Henry (the present Duke's Father) in 1706. This Lord Charles-Noel (commonly called Lord Noel), as his Brother the Duke did, went to Westminster School, & as Mr. Denison was Tutor to the Duke, so I suppose he is to be to this Lord [1], tho' at present that vicious, lewd Fellow, George Ward (commonly call'd Jolly Ward), is said to be his Tutor, Denison being absent, as, indeed, this Ward was the constant Companion of the Duke's. My Lord Noel put on his Gown on Sunday last.

June 24 (Th., St. John Bapt.).

Besides Gray Longueville, Esq., who is made Bath King at Arms, we hear the following Officers are appointed for the Service of that most Honourable Order of Knighthood, viz. Edward Montagu, Esq., Secretary of the Order; Edward Young, Esq., Register; John Anstis, Jun., Esq. (Son of my Friend, John Anstis, Esq., Garter Principal King of Arms [2]), Genealogist; and Edward Sawyer, Esq., Gentleman-Usher.—*Northampton Mercury.*

About a Fortnight since died of a Consumption my Friend, the Revd Mr. Thomas Porter, B.D. and Rector of Bassingham in Lincolnshire, wch Living he had of Corpus Xti Coll., of wch he was Fellow, and as a Member thereof he took the Degree of M.A., Febr. 25, 1701, & that of Bach. of Div., Jun. 30, 1711. He was a very worthy Man, and a good Scholar. He was born in Lincolnshire, & died at his Parsonage.

June 24, 1725. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 146). Has sent a parcel from Mr. Bruce. Mr. Granger will send the coins at the first opportunity. Has never met with Joseph of Arimathy. [See Diary, June 26.]

June 25, 1725. H. to W. Thomas (Diaries, 108. 50). Received letter of 22nd instant. Mr. Whiteside has said nothing about the deeds relating to Blackmore Priory. 'I have not seen those Writings since July 21st last, . . . neither should I have concern'd my self any more about them (there being more difficulty to obtain the perusal of such Things, at least to my self, wch I

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[1] He is so, May 20, 1727.

[2] [The parenthesis is Hearne's.]

June 26 (Sat.). Whereas I writ to Mr. Murray (see above, pag. 5) about the life of Joseph of Arimathy, printed by Winken de Word, he informs me, by Letter from Lond. of the 24 inst., that he hath never mett with this Book, and that he hath inquired of the most likely persons he knew to have it, but he finds no one that has it. Memorand. that 'tis among the Bp of Ely's (Dr. More's) Books at Cambridge, but they are as yet in Confusion, and there is no finding any thing.

Being with Mr. Burton on Wedn. Night last, when we spent the Evening together, I find that he is mighty great with Dr. David Wilkins, the Hanoverian, and seems to value him much, tho' 'tis well known that Wilkins is an injudicious Man, & will do any Thing for Money. By wt I can find, Mr. Burton hath been his Assistant in setting out Selden's Works.

Mr. Burton then told me that Wilkins designs to put out a new Edition of the Brittish or English Councils. He said that Wilkins also designs to print Somner (I know not whether he meant Somner's Dictionary), and what MSS. Things Somner left.

June 27 (Sun.). On Friday last, as I was walking to Heddington, being very dirty weather, I overtook the Widow Howes of Stanton St. John's, who told me she was fourscore Years of Age within a Year, that she walk'd that Morning from Stanton with several Bundles of Bennets, wch she sold in Oxford, and was then returning home again, it being between 10 and 11 Clock in the Morning. She walk'd very nimbly and stoutly. Her husband hath been dead at least 30 Years. She had 8 Children by him, some of wch are now living. Stanton is four Miles from Oxford.

Last Night I saw Mr. Joseph Sadler of Garsington, whose Uncle, Mr. Joseph Sadler, died lately, by wch this Jo. was a good Gainer. He told me last Marlow Fair he saw old Basset of Wooley Green, near Maidenhead, a Man upwards of a hundred Years of Age, who a few Years ago married his Maidservant, after he had been a Widower many Years. One of the Daughters of this old Basset, viz. Eliz. Basset (who went to School to my Father, when I was a little boy), married to Mr. Wise of Drayton, near Dorchester in Oxfordshire, and lives there now with her husband, the said Mr. Wise, who is Brother to Alderman Wise of Oxford. She hath Children by Mr. Wise. I remember when she was young she was very frollicksome.

The said Mr. Sadler's Mother was Sister to Mr. Andrew Allam, Vice-Princ. of Edm. Hall, who hath been dead a great many Years, and was younger Brother of Mr. Wm Allam of Newnham-Courtney, who died a few years since. Another Sister of these Allams married Mr. John Mason of Lowe Brooks, in the parish of Bray, near Maidenhead, by whom she had one Child, a Son, named John, who died of the Small Pox (soon after his Father), a pretty, brisk young Man, just as he was about to marry, wch so affected his Mother, who doted upon him, that she fell ill of the same distemper presently after, and died.

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tell you under the rose as a Secret, than perhaps you are aware of), had not you made a new Application.' Sends transcript of the account he took of the deeds on July 21, 1724. [See Diary for that date.]

Tho. May, in lib. 3 of his Life of K. Hen. II, calls Gervase of Canterbury *Gervase of Dover*, not knowing, it seems, that Dorobernia signifys Canterbury in old Writings.

In several places of that Book is a particular Account of fair Rosamund, and of her death, whom he makes poysoned at Woodstock, and of her funeral at Godstowe.

June 28 (Mon.). Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., inform'd me by Letter of Dec. 13, 1724, writ from Warwick, that he hath an old English Bible, wch proves to be no other than the Bishops-Bible, reprinted in 1572°, being the 2d and best Edit., as Mr. Strype calls it, tho' Mr. Ward hath seen at Fancourt's, the Bookseller of Stratford upon Avon, one of the first Edit., published 1568°, on finer Paper, and a more beautifull Letter, with the Cutts, which his wants. Mr. Strype (says Mr. Ward) has given a good Guess at the Initial Letters of those Persons' Names who had a share in this Translation. And he could wish he had also consider'd the Cutts, which are very curious, and most of them distinguish'd by different Marks; as thus :—

In the Old Test.: 1. S. H. 2. 3. A.

In the New Test.: 4. S. F. 5. W. 6. 13 7. PE.

Mr. Ward is perswaded the very Originals of these Pictures are still to be found in some Church-Windows, and other religious Places—where the whole Hist. of the Bible was usually painted. For he hath some painted Glass now by him, that came out of Warwick Church after the Fire, not very unlike these Bible-Prints, and one of the Pieces is dated 1559. So likewise at the 21st Chap. of the 1st Book of Kings is a Piece bearing date 1557°, which is full 9 Years before this Bible was printed.

This Morning died, in New Inn Hall Lane, old Mrs. Wynne, Widow of the late Dr. Hugh Wynne, the Non-juror, and Mother, by a former Husband, of Mr. Morgan, late of Magdalen College, now Secretary to Dr. Hugh Boulter, Ld Primate of Ireland, wch Mr. Morgan formerly stood against Mr. John Caswell to be Esq. Beadle of Div., but lost it by a small Number. He is a great Whig, but acted honourably when Col. Owen was search'd for at the Grey Hound in Oxford, after the Business at Preston, by letting him escape through Maudlin Walks a back way, when he might have easily apprehended him. Dr. Wynne left a Daughter by this Mrs. Morgan, whom he had married, wch Daughter is married (I hear) to Mr. Gunnis, Rector of Shiplake, near Henley.

On Friday Night last, very late, was buried at Holywell, in the Suburbs of Oxford, the Widow New, whose Husband died a few Years ago, & kept the King's Arms in that parish, after whose death she left off, & liv'd upon what she had. Her Son by the said New hath the Estate, wch is said to be about 300 libs. per an.

Mr. Clements (Richd) told me to-day that this day he sold Mr. West of Balliol Coll. Judge Jenkins's *Rerum judicatarum Centuriæ octo*, printed at

Lond. in 1661, fol., in English, for 5s., wch he (Mr. Clements) said is worth fifty shillings; but this I think not. He paid enough for it, considering how dead such books are now.

June 29 ([**Tu.**], St. **Peter and Paul**). Mr. Ward, in a Letter dated from Warwick, Febr. 20, 1724, desired my Opinion about Organs, because he had lately met with the following Remark about them, and he tells me the Notion in it abt Organs came from no less a Man than Dr. Benj. Rogers, a great Master of Musick. Viz.

That there never were any Organs in Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches in England before King Hen. 8th, altho' there were Vicar Choralls, Clerks (or Singing men), and Choristers: for no Organists are foundation men (but only as Informatores Choristarum), and are admitted as Clerks, and not as Organists, in those Churches.

He tells me, in the same Letter, that he was since inform'd there was Provision made for an Organist at All-Souls, Oxon., long before that time, and he desires me to learn the truth of this. I have inquir'd at All-Souls of Mr. Chernock, one of the Fellows, who told me that there had been care there for an Organist before Hen. VIIIth's time, but he could not give me sufficient satisfaction 'till the Return of Mr. Fiddes, one of their Fellows, now upon his Year of Grace, to the College, who knows these Matters well. It is certain John of Glastonbury mentions famous Organs at the Church of Glastonbury in Edw. IId's time, in his MS. Chronicle of Glastonbury, never yet printed.

Ld Visc. St. Alban's Tryal is newly reprinted. But Mr. Ward hath an Originall Copy of all the Proceedings.

June 30 (**Wed.**). Yesterday preach'd before the University, at St. Marie's, Mr. Jones (commonly, from his sower look, call'd Vinegar Jones), Student of Christ-Church, one of the Canoniers put in by Dr. Potter, Bp of Oxford, but his Sermon being vile stuff, patch'd and wrought up out of Toland and other vile Writers, when he came to speak (wch, I am told, he did much) of the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called King George, several, particularly Dr. Middleton of Merton College, went out of the Church, and would not stay to hear him out.

Mr. Ward of Longbridge (in a Letter from Warwick, dated Jan. 2d, 1724) tells me that he was then transcribing an old Chronicle of Coventry, not yet printed, as he remembers, and whereas I had said something to him about the fabulous stories of the *sedes stercoraria* at Rome, as I have also in my Preface to Peter Langtoft's Chronicle that I am now printing, in answer thereto he begs leave to subjoyn what, saith he, a modern Celebrated Writer says about the Groping Chair:—

Sedes perforata and Sedes stercoraria are two different Chairs; for the 1st is of Porphyry, and the latter of white marble, not bor'd. Misson, in his

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June 29, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 201). Received the 'ancient Mummie' engraved by Mr. Vertue: thanks to Mr. Bruce. The Life of Joseph of Arimathea is at Cambridge among Bp. Moore's books. Glad Mr. Granger intends to send the original coins.

June 29, [1725]. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 27b. 187). Sends a copy of Dr. Charlett's letter to Archbp. Tennison, Dec. 1, 1695, concerning the death of Anthony à Wood. [Printed in Hearne's ed. of *Johannis Glastoniensis Chronica*, p. 455.]

Voyage to Italy, Vol. 3d, p. 117, says thus of the first: 'I have seen it more than once, and if I may believe my own Eyes, it is bor'd, and that after the usual manner of Close-Stools.' See the Figure of it, in his Hist., as above.

☞ This puts me in mind (says the same Author) of a Thing which I shall willingly insert here, seeing it now offers it self, and which may be reckon'd one of the strongest Arguments to convince the World that the Female Pope is not a Chimera like the Unicorn. 'Tis an Abstract of the Chronicle of the ancient Monastery of Canterbury, founded by the famous Augustin, who was sent into England by Gregory the Great, and who was called the Apostle of Kent, immediately after the Year 853, in the Catalogue of the Bishops of Rome; the Chron. mentions these Words:—

'Hic obijt LEO Quartus, cujus tamen anni usque ad Benedictum tertium computantur, eò quod Mulier in Papam promota fuit.'

And after the Year 855:—

'Joannes Iste non computatur, quia Fœmina fuit. Benedictus Tertius,' &c.

An English Divine, of extraordinary Learning and Merit, hath lately writ a Book, which is not yet printed, to prove that there was a Female Pope, wherein he makes use of the strength of this Testimony admirably well; and makes it appear that those belonging to that Monastery had a frequent and intimate Commerce with Rome: and that those Words which I have just now quoted after him, were Registred at the same Time specified by the Date.

London, June 23. Last Week the Rt Honble Cheney, Ld Colepepper, departed this Life, in his Retirement at Hoveston St. John, in the County of Norfolk, aged 85 years. He was the third Son of the Lord of that Name so often mentioned by the Earl of Clarendon.—*Northampton Mercury.*

Lond., June 24. The Honble Mr. Arthur Hill, eldest Son to the Lord Hillsborough, is dead of the Small Pox, contracted by Inoculation.—*Ibid.*

On Wednesd., the 23d, came on the Election of a Lecturer of the united Parishes of St. Swithin and St. Mary Bothaw in Canon-Street, in the Room of the Reverend Mr. Lasingby, deceas'd. The Candidates were Mr. Charles Wheatley, Mr. Heale, Mr. Withers, Mr. Trevor, and Mr. Murden. The Choice was by ballotting for each Candidate, and the three last being thrown out, Mr. Wheatley had then 52 Voices, Mr. Heale 51; so Mr. Wheatley was declared duly elected.—*Ibid.*

Lond., June 24. Letters from Codicote in Hertfordshire advise that the Reverend Mr. Pinsent, Vicar of that Place, was accidentally drowned, having (as is supposed) mistaken his Road. The Living is in the Gift of the Lord Bishop of Ely.—[*Ibid.*]

July 1 (Th.). Mr. Ward (in a Letter of the 24th of April last[1]) informs me that the MS. above mentioned, pag. 62, relating to Coventry, bears the following Title: 'The true Copie of the Charter of Coventrey, and other auncient Monuments, collected togather in the 30th year of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lady Queene Eliz., &c., with a Chron. of the Mayors from 1350 to 1640.' One Tipper (as Mr. Ward hath been inform'd) had made some Progress towards such a Collection of the City's Antiquities, but died before it was finished; and whether this be the same, he cannot yet learn. It came out of the Study of old Mr. Hum. Burton, formerly Town-Clerk there, with several other valuable Papers and MSS. relating to the Affairs of that City, most of which are now in Mr. Ward's Custody.

In my Appendix to Fordun's Scotichron. I have printed a Piece call'd The History of Coventry, wch I am apt to think is much the same with

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[1] Dated at Warwick.

that part of the said MS. that gives an Account of the Magistrates of Coventry[1]. And yet Mr. Ward, in another Letter dated from Warwick on the 12th of last Month, tells me that his MS. was then copying out by an ingenious Friend, who seem'd well assured that it has never yet appear'd in Print.

July 2 (Fri.). On Wednesday Night last was buried at St. Marie's in Oxford the eldest daughter (aged 15 Years) of Mr. Carter, a Cutler of St. Marie's Parish. She died of a Consumption Sunday night last.

My Friend, Mr. Robert Eyston, writ me word from East Hendred, near Wantage in Berks., on May the 20th last, that the MS. of Nich. Harpesfield wch belong'd to his late Brother, my Friend, Charles Eyston, Esq., had been consulted, at my Request, by his good Friend, Mr. Parkinson, with whom I am acquainted, being the Confessor in the Family of ye sd Charles Eyston, and is a learned Man, and in the Note at the End 'tis *two Leaves*, and not *two Lines*, as Mr. Ch. Eyston, by Mistake, had in his Lifetime insinuated to me at Oxford. The Note, as it was writ out by Mr. Parkinson, is as follows:—

At the end of Mr. Eyston's MS. Copy of the Treatise of the Divorce there is this note, viz.

'This Copy was taken from an Authentick Transcript of the original, which was found by Mr. Topliffe in the House of William Carter, some time Servant to the said Doctor Nicholas Harpsfield, who confess'd that *two Leaves* of the said original were of his the said Master's own hand writing.'

Michael Blount, of Maple Durham, Esq., inform'd me (by Letter of Sep. 20, 1724) that if he hath any writings that can be serviceable, I may depend on them; that my late worthy Friend, Mr. (Charles) Eyston of Hendred, abt four years before borrowed some of him for the use of Mr. (Richd) Rawlinson, which he (Mr. Blount) hath now by him, but that I having then had the perusall of them, he doubts whether they may be of any service; if so, he desires [me] to let him know. He said the likeliest person to help me to Blount's Chronicle (a MS. never yet printed) is Edwd Blount, Esq., of Herefordshire, he being a very studious & well read Gentleman. He knew not his direction, but he said his Sister, Mrs. Minshaw, lives in Broad Street, Soho, London, & if I directed to him there, he believed she would send it. Accordingly, I soon after writ him a Letter, inclos'd in one to her, to convey it, but I have recd no manner of answer.

This day, at 5 Clock in the Afternoon, after my return from a Walk in the Country, as I was going to the printing house, I met in Queen's Coll. Lane a young Man with a Gown (& he was in company with another young Man), who said, *Your humble servt, Mr. Hearne. My name is Dodwell. Sir*, said I, *your humble servt*; & so we parted, without a word more.

July 3 (Sat.). Mr. Murray having formerly told me he had Inigo Jones upon Stone-henge, with MSS. Notes, upon my Inquiry of him

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July 3, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 17. 42). [See Diary, July 29, for

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[1] I find since (Mr. Ward having lent me the MS.) that it is so.

farther last year, he told me that he had parted with it two years before to Mr. Bateman, that the Notes in the Margin were writ by one of the Stanhope Family, and nothing at all to the purpose of the History.

My Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., hath been married about a Year to Mrs. Amy Frewin, that was before a Servant to him in cleansing his Lodgings, &c.

Caxton printed the Life of Wenefrede in English, but I cannot learn (tho' I writ on purpose to Mr. Murray) out of what Language it was translated. Nor, indeed, had Mr. Murray the Book himself, neither could he, by any Inquiry, find it amongst any of his Friends.

Mr. Murray also told me (in a Letter dated from Lond., Apr. 12, 1725) that tho' he had several pieces of Skelton, yet he had never seen his *Image of Ypocresy*, nor knew any body that had it, whence I gather that it was never printed. Peter Le Neve, Esq., hath a MS. of it, wch he lent me, and I have given an account of it in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft.

July 4 (Sun.). Yesterday, about twelve Clock, died, of a Feaver, Mr. Thomas Clymer, M.A. and Fellow of Worcester Coll. This Gentleman, who hath been Pro-Proctor more than once, was originally of University-Coll., where he was Bible-Clark, and us'd to write for Dr. Charlett; thence he became Chaplain of All-Souls-College, as a Member of which he took the Degree of Master of Arts on June 9, 1710, and afterwds became Fellow of Worcester-College, where he was respected by Dr. Blechynden, the Provost, who made him his Curate at Newnham-Courtney. This Mr. Clymer was mightily addicted to Women, and was much in their company, tho' he was generally sly on those occasions, and some Stories goe about of him, wch are believed to be too true.

July 5 (Mon.). My Friend, Mr. Timothy Thomas, M.A., Student of Xt Church, and Chaplain to the Earl of Oxford, writes me word from Lond., June 20, 1724, that there are two Copies of Peter Langtoft in the Harleyan Library, but neither of them in English, which I had told him would be most to my purpose.

Since that, in a Letter dated from Welbeck in Nottinghamshire, June 12, 1725, he tells me that, having been journeying through a great part of Scotland and the North of England (with the Earl of Oxford), upon his Return to Welbeck he met with an Answer to a *quære* I had put to him, from a Friend in London, whom Mr. Thomas had desired to consult my Ld Oxford's MS. of John Beaver's Chronicle, to wch my *Quære* related, and he tells him, *That in the Account of King Ina he does not find any thing there like the passage I enquire after.* The Passage is what is published from Beaver by Dr. Powell in his Welsh History, but I have found the Dr.'s MS. is that in Trinity Coll., Oxon., and that 'tis not properly Beaver's Chron., having a great deal more than (& much altered from) the other MSS. Neither does the Trinity Coll. MS. in the

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part of this letter.] Account of a MS. of Petrarch lately belonging to Mr. Fancourt, bookseller of Stratford-on-Avon.

July 4, 1725. H. to T. Coney (Diaries, 108. 73). Thanks for account of Mr. Paschal. Wants to know the date of his death as soon as possible.

old hand bear the Name of Castoreus, or Beaver, as far as I could perceive, when I cursorily ran it over, notwithstanding Dr. Powell hath ascribed it to Beaver. But of this I have writ in another Vol., to wch I refer the Reader. This Trin. MS. was once Dr. Powell's.

July 6 (Tu.). Yesterday I saw in Oxford, & spent some hours in the Afternoon with them, Mr. Parkinson (who is Confessor to the Widow and Family of my late Friend, Charles Eyston, of East Hendred in Berks., Esq.), and there was with him one Mr. Fetherstone, educated beyond Sea, but who, it seems, had never seen Oxford before. Mr. Parkinson promised me to make inquiry about John of Glastonbury, whose History or Chronicle of Glastonbury I design to print.

He promised also to inquire about father Paul Robinson, to whom, in the year 1651, on July 15, Sir Richard Tycheburn, Kt and Bart, gave a MS. (a very fine one), in Vellum, of the said Hist. of Glastonbury, and Robinson the very same day gave it to the Library of St. Gregory at Doway, where, however, it was never placed, as I take it, this very MS. being now in the Ashmolean Muséum, where I have compared it with that which hath been lent me by my Ld Bruce. At the End of the MS. of the Ashm. Mus., in the last page of the Chron., is this note: *Hunc librum, à nobili viro, Richardo Tycheburn, Equite & Baronetto, sibi datum, Bibliothecæ San Gregorianæ Duaci inscripsit f. Paulus Robinson, Julij* 15, 1651. And at the End of the Table: *Hunc librum Nobilissimus D.D. Richardus Tycheburn, Eques & Baronettus, dedit f. Paulo Robinsonio, Julij* 15, 1651. *Sic testor Henricus Tichborne, fil. & hær. dicti Richardi.* I know not how Mr. Ashmole came by this Book, but he seems not to have got it 'till the Year 1673, he having writ at the beginning of it this Note: *E. Ashmole,* 18 *Nov.*, 1673.

Mr. Parkinson told me that Father Atkinson is still living.

He told me that they had had news at Hendred that I was under much trouble for the Book I published in English of the Antiquities of Glastonbury. I told him that I was not actually troubled, but that I was most grievously threatened, a great many people being very angry with that Book, and that Complaints had been made of it to the Parliament to take it under Consideration, but other Business diverted, & so it dropt.

Last Night, at 10 Clock, was buried in St. Thomas's Church, in the West Suburbs of Oxford, Mr. Clymer, being carried thither from Worcester-College, whither he was brought on Sunday Night from St. Aldate's Parish, where he died in the House of Mrs. Dimmock, Widdow of Mr. Dimmock, late Town-Clark of Oxford, whose Neice, living in the same House, Mrs. Claxton, Widow of Sir Wm Claxton's Son, who died five or six Years since, Mr. Clymer courted, & 'tis said he hath left her what he had by a nuncupative Will before three Witnesses.

July 7 (Wed.). I am apt to think that the above mentioned Mr. Fetherstone is descended from the Family of Richard Fetherston, who

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July 7, 1725. H. to E. Burton (Diaries, 108. 83). Thanks for Dr. Charlett's letter about Anthony à Wood, 'who had a very mean opinion of Dr. Charlett, notwithstanding the Dr. made so free with him at his death, & pretended to be so much his Friend.' Wishes E. B. could procure him a copy

was hang'd, drawn, and quartered on July 30, 1540, with Dr. Edwd Powell and Mr. Thomas Abel, in Smithfield, near London, for denial of the King's Supremacy, and refusing the Oath of Succession. The said Dr. Edw. Powell, who was a very learned Man, and had, as it seems, been Fellow of Oriel College, bestowed (Reg. Act. Cur. Canc. *Oxon.*, notat. cum lit. ☿ invers., p. 18) at least 30l., about the time when he was licensed to proceed in Divinity, for the making of a double roof, with painting, gilded knots, and lead, for the Congregation-house, which is now the upper room in St. Mary's Church-yard, joining on the North-side to the Chancel of St. Mary's Church, 22 Hen. 7, [Anno] Dom. $150\frac{6}{7}$. (Ath. Oxon., vol. i, col. 54, Ed. 2d.)

July 8 (Th.). The following Verses, given me last Night in Mr. Whiteside's Company, who, however, knew not what they were, and I was injoyn'd to keep them as a Secret, by Mr. Wm Parry, the same that writes a print hand finely, Fellow of Jesus College (who told me he was entered in the Year 1706) :—

On Miss Debby Wrench.

Unenvied let inferior beauties boast
To be of every club the constant toast:
What tho' they be in sweeter numbers sung,
And kill their thousands of the am'rous young,
Much fairer she who frozen sages warms,
Or makes a Whitesides captive to her charms.

NB. Mr. Whiteside hath a great Affection for the said Miss Debby Deborah) Wrench, & sees her often. She is the eldest of the two Daughters of the late Mr. Wrench and Mrs. Wrench of Paradice Garden. She is very pretty, as is also her younger Sister, Miss Molly Wrench. Indeed, Molly is said to be the prettiest, tho' look'd upon as not so good natured as Miss Debby.

Last Friday, July 2d, by the Lightning, a Shepherd at Mixbury, within two Miles of Brackley, was kill'd, and five Sheep, as the Man reported at Oxford next Morning, that came to Oxford for the Coroner.

Saturd., July 3d. John Parker, Esq., Son and Heir of George Parker, Esq., of Boringdon in Devonshire, was married to the Lady Catharine Poulett, 2d

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of Anthony's will. 'I should see by that how he left his things. The first Book mentioned in the printed Catalogue of wt he gave to the Ashm. Mus. is the English Copy of his *History & Antiq. of Oxford*, in two vols., fol., but the book, notwithstanding this, was never yet in the Muséum, but was kept by Dr. Charlett 'till a Year or two before his death, when, I am told, he delivered it to Dr. Gardiner, under pretence that it should be put into the School Tower, and so the proper place to which it belongs is robb'd of it, and no body but Gardiner himself can have the use of it. I have heard great complaints made of this and other matters, and I have too much reason to believe yt Dr. Charlett plaid many other base tricks with respect to Anthony, and his books and papers. You will please to be cautious how you mention my name, when you speak of what is here told you, for fear Dr. Gardiner might hear of it, a thing that perhaps would nettle him.'

July 8, [1725]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 154). [See extracts from this letter, July 13, 14.] 'What you heard of our Divisions has too much of truth,

Daughter of the R^t Hon. the Earl Poulett.—*Northampt. Mercury* for July 5, 1725.

Sir John Vanbrug, having resigned his Place of Clarenceaux King at Arms (for w^ch he was by no means qualified [1]), and his Majesty (as they stile the Duke of Brunswick [1]) having been pleas'd to appoint M^r. Ward of Hackney to succeed him, M^r. Le Neve, Norroy King at Arms, enter'd a Caveat against it at the Privy Seal Office: and on Mond., June 28, there was a Hearing upon it before the Lord Privy-Seal, at his Chambers in Whitehall, assisted by the two Lord Chief Justices and the Lord Chief Baron, which lasted three or four Hours, and the same was decided in Favour of M^r. Ward.—*Ibid.*

A large Vault has been lately discover'd in the Meuse, curiously tiled all over, a fine Spring of Water in the middle, and several Marble Cisterns. By the Inscriptions on the Tiles and Motto's, it appears to be the Bathing Place of Queen Elizabeth.—*Ibid.*

On July 1 (Thursd.[1]), in the Afternoon, was held a Chapter of the Kings, Heralds, and Pursuivants at Arms, when Knox Ward, Esq., took his Place, in the room of Sir John Vanbrug, who resigned.—*Ibid.*

[2] We hear from London that on Thursday, the 2^d instant, at eleven a-Clock at Night, died D^r. Henry Levett, one of the Physicians to S^t. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Physician to the Charter-House.[2] This D^r. Levett, who was of Exeter College in Oxford (as a Member of w^ch he took the Degree of M.A., July 7, 1694, that of B.M., June 4, 1695, and that of D.M., Apr. 22, 1699), was a sweet tempered Man, a most excell^t Physician, well belov'd, very honest as a Complyer, and had an excellent Study of Books.

July 9 (Fri.). About this day Sennight died in London D^r. George Conyers, Fellow of S^t. John's Coll., Oxon., who took the Degree of B. of Civil Law on April 3, 1693, and that of D^r. in the same Faculty about 10 Years since, when I was Beadle of Civil Law. He was a Man that had a Fortune, but he spent all in gaming and other extravagancies, and died much in debt.

M^r. West of Balliol Coll., in a Letter from Lond., March 9^th, 172$\frac{4}{5}$, told me M^r. Anstis's Book of the Register of the Garter was mightily bought up, but was as yet reckoned excessive dear (being five Guineas a Copy), though he printed but 400 Copies, so that it will grow very scarce in time.

M^r. Tanner, Chirurgeon of London, who died lately, had an excellent Collection of Things that he had pickt up in Italy, a Catalogue of w^ch I have seen printed, but I understand D^r. Mead had the picking of them before they were exposed to sale. M^r. Tanner was Brother to D^r. Tanner.

July 10 (Sat.). On Thursday Morning last, very early, died Robert Henly, of Ifley, near Oxford, and was buried in Ifley Church Yard last night. He lived upon the Parish, tho' he hath two daughters by a 3^d wife (who hath been dead some years), one married at Cowley, and hath

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but Peace is now restor'd, & we have had a large Commencement in all Degrees & Faculties; but I am affraid we shall feel the Consequences, when the Wound is heal'd.'

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

[2-2] [This entry is probably taken from the same newspaper, though there is no note in the MS. to that effect.]

Children, the other unmarried at Service. He died in the ninety fourth Year of his age. He died very hardly, being from Sunday Night till Thursday Morning a-dying.

July 11 (Sun.). Mr. Thomas Rawlinson told me lately by Letter that he could tell me nothing about Skelton's *Image of Ypocresy*, having (as I take it) never seen the Book.

My Friend, the Revd Mr. Hilkiah Bedford (since deceas'd), on Aug. 25th, 1724, tells me that he knew I made no use of our Publick Library, since I had been so unworthily shut out thence: but if any Friend of mine ever makes use of it, he wishes I could get the Decyphering of the King's (Ch. I) Letters, made and lodg'd there by Dr. Wallis, compar'd with the printed account of them, because the Dr. alledg'd in his own Vindication that the several passages in those letters, not decypher'd in the print, which he pretended to be unable to decypher, were left undecypher'd by him, not because he could not, but because he would not, disclose them to the King's enemies, as he said was very well known to Bp Dolben and Bp Fell, if Mr. Bedford did not misremember the 2 Bps' Names. If this were so (says Mr. Bedford), most probably the Decyphering of the King's Letters (said by Mr. Wood to have been lodg'd by him in the Bodleian Library) was lodg'd there by him for his own justification, as containing the decyphering also of those passages which he conceal'd from the Rebels. Mr. Bedford told me, if I could find, at my leisure, any opportunity of getting this enquiry satisfy'd, it would much oblige him. Upon Receipt of Mr. Bedford's Letter, I spoke to my Friend, Mr. West of Balliol Coll., who consulted Dr. Wallis's MS. in the Bodl. Library, & writ out for me Dr. Wallis's memorandum at the Beginning of it, which I sent to Mr. Bedford, with some other Information, but Mr. Bedford dying some time after, it put an end to any farther Inquirys, wch otherwise I should have made for him, with respect to this doughty work of Dr. Wallis's.

July 12 (Mon.). On Friday last died in Oxford Mr. Pearce, Barber in Northgate Street in that City, Brother to Mrs. Rymes, the Widow of Mr. Rymes, late Fellow of New College and Rector of Stanton St. John's, near Oxford. This Mr. Pearce's heart was broke, upon account of his said Sister, who with her Children lay upon him, and put him to hard shifts, notwithstanding Mr. Colinge, Fellow of New College and Superior Beadle of Divinity, ought in justice to have eas'd him altogether, since the said Mrs. Rymes (who is a comely body) is generally said to be Mr. Colinge's Concubine, & whereas Colinge generally lives at Stanton, she is very often there, and [lives] with him, as I have been assur'd by very good hands.

July 13 (Tu.). My Friend, Mr. Baker of Cambridge, writes me word, in a Letter from thence of the 8th inst., that he hath Copies of most of the Statutes of the antient Foundations at Cambridge; but most of them were too poor to maintain an Organist. King's Hall, now

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July 13, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Rawl. 34. 110). Thanks for fresh 'Recruits,' which prove of good service. Wishes the Life of Thomas à Becket had the cut. 'I am glad to hear you are drawing a select Catalogue. But

supprest & become part of Trin. Coll., was a noble Foundation, consisting of 32 Fellows, &c., but there is nothing said in their Statutes concerning an Organist or Organ. King's College, another Royal Foundation, he thought the likest where it might be met with, & desir'd a Friend to send him the words of their Statutes, which he has done in words following (cap. 1): *Quorum* (*sex*) *Capellanorum sive Clericorum unus sciat Jubilare in Organis.* Mr. Baker leaves me to make my own Inferences; but his Friend was somewhat shy in giving him the words of their Statutes, or having them quoted, being sworn (as he says) *non revelare caput vel capitulum Statutorum*, wch he promist him he would acquaint me with. It is in vain to seek for an organist in any other of the old Foundations at Cambridge.

In the Oxford Catalogue of MSS., P. 390 of the last Part, are two Collections of Pieces, printed by W. de Worde, wch belong'd to Dr. More, late Bp of Ely. The latter Mr. Baker hath often seen & easily found. The former (in wch is the Life of Joseph of Arimathy that I mentioned to him) he never could meet with, nor does Mr. Haderton know any thing of it, & thinks it must be lockt up with the MSS., as many of the old Editions are, and for that reason cannot be come at.

July 14 (Wed.). In one of my Letters to Mr. Baker, I said somewhat concerning the Age of Piers Plowman. Mr. Baker tells me (in the said Letter of the 8th of July, 1725) that in Mr. Strype's Ecclesiastical Memorials, vol. 2, P. 266, he finds this Account: *The Book was very antient, written in the Reign of Edw.* 3d, *for in the* 2d *side of the* 68th *leaf mention is made of a dear year, John Chichester being then Maior of London, which was an.* 1350. This (says Mr. Baker) he quotes from Rob. Crowley's Edition, which Mr. Baker hath not, but hopes I may have it: and after—*By some of them* (MSS.) *he learnt the Author's name was Langland, a Shropshire man, born in Cleybury, about* 8 *Miles from Malvern Hills. And among the antient Copies, one was noted to be written in the year* MIIIICIX; which (says Mr. Baker) must be meant of the age of the Copy, not the Author, who by this account must be older. *If you have* (says he) *Crowley's* 2d *Edition, you can easily make a Judgment, for I write in the dark.* I have not Rob. Crowley's Ed. of Pierce Plowman, mentioned by Mr. Baker. That which I have is the Ed. printed by Owen Rogers, 1561, in wch *Pierce the Ploughman's Crede* is also printed. In p. 770 of my Ed. of Guil. Neubrigensis I have fix'd the writing of Pierce Plowman to anno 1409, by virtue of a MS. Note shew'd me by Mr. Urry, and the MS. there mentioned seems to have been the same noted in Strype. What to say, unless I could see the MS., I know not. This is certain, that this Work hath been much altered at different times. I saw a MS. of it lately, in wch the difference from the print is so very great that the Work seems to have undergone the same Changes with Robert of Gloucester. In the Creed (which I said is in the Edition I have) is mention (in C. ii a) of Wicklef, who appeared not till the end of

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pray do not too much fatigue your self. I hope your Spouse may ease you much, and prove a good Comfort to you.' Wants information about a MS. called 'The Memorialls Cronicles,' written by John Douglas. [Note by Rawlinson:—'Answer'd, as much as it Deserv'd.']

K. Edward the third. And in C. iiii a is mention of Water Brut (or Walter Brute), who was later than Wicklef. John Fox, in his Acts and Monuments, p. 570, 571 (of the Ed. in the White Letter), mentions the Submission of this Walter Brute at Hereford, anno 1393. I have not the Folio Bale, but the 4to (Fol. 168 b) calls him Gualtherus Britte, & tells us that he flourished under Rich^{d} II, anno 1390, in w^{ch} Year also Pitseus (who calls him *Gualtherus Brithus, vel Britte*, p. 547) makes him to have flourished.

Last Night, about six or seven Clock, one Watkins, that lived under S^{t}. Gyles's Church, as he was going up Stairs with a Tankard of Ale from the Buttery to some Gentlemen, fell down Backwards, broke his Skull, & never wagg'd more. The Bell went for him this Morning. He hath left a Wife. He was a Sot, and was drunk at this time when the Accident happened. But I am told that his Wife is a very ill, loose, fowlmouth'd woman, and was a perfect Plague to him, so that in all probability she forc'd him to drink more than otherwise he would. The House in w^{ch} he liv'd was his own, he having bought it lately, having got money by his Skill in Fret-work[1]. He had no Children by his Wife, who is a great Company Keeper, and particularly associates with one Cliff, an Excise Man in Oxford, who is an elderly man, and hath a wife with him in Oxford of his own, a more comely, jolly Woman than M^{rs}. Watkins. This Watkins was about 30 Years of Age[2].

July 15 (Th.).

On Mond., the 5th instant, D^{r}. Peters and D^{r}. Stephens (so they are call'd, tho' they are not so[3]) were chosen Travelling Physicians upon the Foundation laid by the late D^{r}. Radcliff for that purpose, in order to improve the medicinal Art. They are to travel 5 Years in this Country, and 5 Abroad, each being allow'd a Salary of 300l. per Annum.—*Northampt. Mercury.*

On this day Sennight (viz. Thursd., July 8th) died at London the Reverend D^{r}. Richard Fiddes, Rector of Halsham, near Hull in Yorkshire, and Author of a Body of Divinity in two folios, of an Annual Course of Sermons in one folio, of the Life of Cardinal Wolsey in one folio, and of some books in 8vo, one whereof is an Essay concerning Homer. He was originally of University Coll. in Oxford, where he was a very hard drinker, and was Collector for the Lent Disputations. He left the College, took holy Orders, and married, and hath left several Children and his Wife behind him. Some Years since he lost the use of his Voice, and dedicating some Sermons to D^{r}. Smalridge, printed in 8vo, the D^{r}. got him the Degree of Batch. of Div. (tho' he was not Master of Arts) conferr'd on him, w^{ch} was done with difficulty, there being great opposition in the Convocation House, and afterwards he was created Doctor in the said Faculty. He had a living also given him by the University, but that he could not hold, by reason the person (who was pretended to be a Roman Catholick, and therefore not qualifyed to present) contested the matter, and was too hard for Fiddes. He was

[1] 'Twas not he but his eldest brother that has skill in Fret-work. Himself printed Callicoes, & I am told he was an honest man, & not a sot.

[2] He was buried in S^{t}. Gyles's Church Yard, on Thursday Night, July 15.

[3] [The words in parentheses are probably Hearne's.]

a Man that had a good Command enough of English, but had not much learning, especially in our History & Antiquities (to wch he at last, meerly to get a penny, for his Wife and Children reduc'd him to penury, addicted himself), for wch reason his Life of Cardinal Wolsey is a very poor, injudicious, weak performance, as would also (without doubt) have been his Life of Bp Fisher and his Life of Sir Thomas More, both wch he had also undertaken, but I know not what progress he had made in them, tho' he had excellent materials from Mr. Baker of Cambridge, Mr. Anstis, and some others. His eldest Daughter, who lived with her Father & Mother several Years in Oxford, some time since, was married to one Mr. Barecroft, first of Queen's Coll. in Oxford, and afterwards Fellow of Merton Coll., wch he left, & bought a Commissioner's Place, as I have been inform'd. He is a good natur'd, loving husband, but she a contrary Wife, and a great Company Keeper, wch occasioned them to live asunder for some time, but now, I am told, they cohabit together again. She appear'd modest and demure in Oxford, and was look'd upon as tolerably handsome, tho' but half-strain'd. The Dr. was little more than fifty Years of Age. 'Tis thought his heart was broke with the Troubles of his Family, & some other Misfortunes, and, it may be, he was affected not a little to find his Life of Cardinal Wolsey slighted, as it deserves. I was told one remarkable Thing of this Dr., viz. that he could write (and did therefore use to write) as well in company as out of company.

July 16 (Fri.). Last Night I spent the Evening with Mr. Whiteside of the Muséum Ashm., Mr. Twysden, Gent. Com. of Univ. Coll., and Mr. Wm Oldisworth.

Mr. Oldisworth then told me that the Gentleman whom he a little while ago inform'd me had a MS. of Francis Thynne's about Kts of the Bath, is lately dead, & hath left him ten libs. He said he would endeavour to secure the said MS., and another also, to himself.

Mr. Oldisworth said that had Dr. Fiddes lived, he should have had about a quarter of a year's work to look over his Papers, meaning his Undertaking about Bp Fisher and Sir Thomas More. He said he look'd over four Chapters of the Dr.'s Work, when he was last in Oxford, and that if the Widow would put the Papers into his hands, he would finish all. He said that Dr. Fiddes had some curious Papers about Sir Thomas More, that a Friend of his by his (Dr. Oldisworth's) means help'd him to. I heard lately that Mr. Oldisworth assisted the Dr. in Cardinal Wolsey's Life, a work not for either of their Credits.

Mr. Oldisworth said he had very lately read over Mr. Rowland's *Mona antiqua*, or, *History and Antiquities of the Isle of Anglesey*. He said there is a vast deal of Learning in it, tho' writ in a poor, creeping, heavy stile. This Rowland was a Clergyman, a native of the Isle, was never out of the place all his Life time, and died just before his Book was published. His Name was Henry Rowland, and he was Vicar of Llan-Idan in the Isle of Anglesey. There is a great Character of him in Nicolson's Engl. Hist. Library, p. 24, Ed. Fol., whose Characters, however, are generally very partial.

July[1] **17 (Sat.).** At the same time Mr. Oldisworth told me that

[1] [MS. 'June.']

he believ'd he could help me to a sight of the Catalogue of the late Dr. Brathwayt Warden of Winchester's Books, which, indeed, I should be very glad to see, he having collected many curious, scarce little pieces relating to English History and Antiquities. He said they were sold (he did not tell me to whom) for two hundred (tho' they were worth eight hundred) Pounds.

Mr. Parkinson, when he was in Oxford the other day, wondered that we did not print Thomas Eccleston's Book *de adventu Minorum in Angliam*, since he said he understood there were two Copies of it in our Publick Library, one perfect, the other imperfect. But I soon convinc'd him that there was no MS. there, only some Excerpta out of this work among Mr. Wood's Papers in the Ashmolean Muséum. Leland hath given us some good Extracts out of it, in pag. 341 of the 3d Vol. of his Coll., I suppose from the MS., wch, in p. 298 of his Book *de Scriptorib. Brit.*, he tells us was in Queens' Coll. Library at Cambridge. I know not whether it be there now. 'Tis mentioned in p. 4 of the iid Tome of the Oxford Catalogue of MSS. to be in the Cathedral of York, num. 46.

July 18 (Sun.). Yesterday, after I had writ what goes before about Thomas Eccleston, I went to the Ashmolean Muséum, and was shew'd by Mr. Whiteside the Volume of Anth. à Wood (a Quarto Vol., Num. 101), in wch are Mr. Wood's *Excerpta*, by his own hand, from Thomas Eccleston, but he does not tell us whence they were taken by him. They are short, and not very many, nor so considerable as what he hath given us in p. 67 & seqq. of the 1st Book of his Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., where he speaks of the Franciscans or Grey Friers, & in the Notes at the Bottom of the page we find that he made use of two MSS., one of wch he tells us was an imperfect one in the Cottonian Library, but I cannot at present see (upon a cursory view of Dr. Smith's Catalogue) that Eccleston is at all in the Cott. Library.

On the 15th of June last was in Oxford, and staid there some days, one Mr. John Stanley, who was chosen Organist of the United Parishes of Allhallows, Breadstreet, and St. John Evang., London, 23 October, 1723, then aged 11 Years, 9 Months, and 6 Days, having been blind from 2 Years old. This youth is look'd upon as the best Organist in Europe, it may be, in the World. He plaid to admiration upon all the Organs in Oxford, & said that even the Organ at St. Peter's in the East, that lately stood in the Theatre, notwithstanding despised by some of the Parish (some of wch, however, have chang'd their mind, upon hearing them playd by Stanley, for their own Organist, one Church, Brother to Church, the Univ. Clark, is a very ignorant Man in Musick), is one of the very best in the Kingdom of its bigness, nay, that 'tis as good as any of no bigger a Make.

July 19 (Mon.). Mr. West of Balliol-College told me yesterday, in the Afternoon, that Mr. Sanford of that College had inform'd him of an old Register or Chartulary of Plimpton Abbey in Devonshire, that begins at the Saxon Times, and is in the hands of a private Gentleman. Mr. West could not tell who, but said he would inquire more. He mentioned also a little book, call'd Clynne's History of England, in the hands of a Friend of his. This also he said he would inquire farther about.

Afterwards I spent the Evening with Mr. West, Mr. Whiteside, & Mr. Lang, wch Mr. Lang is a young Master of Arts of Balliol-College, a good natur'd, honest man, and Subtutour (Dr. Hunt, Master of Balliol Coll., being the chief or principal Tutour) to Mr. Bathurst, a young nobleman, newly come to that College, Son of the Rt Honble Allen, Lord Bathurst, and born Aug. 12, 1711.

Mr. Lang told me then that he did not know of any more considerable Ruins of an Abbey than those of Tintern Abbey in Monmouthshire, wch, being upon a hill, look very venerable.

July 20 (Tu.). Yesterday seeing Mr. Fiddes of All Souls Coll., I ask'd him (and he is said to know these Things more than any one else of the College) whether they had any Provision for an Organist by their Statutes. He said, no, only for Priests, Chaplains, and Choristers, tho' he confess'd they had formerly a little Organ. He said, however, that he would consult the Statutes and their College Rolls (to see if in these Rolls there was any Thing paid to any Organist, & what), and would let me know.

Charles Gray, of Colchester, Esq., writ me word from Colchester, June 22d, 1723, that he don't find, nor can he remember to have ever seen, among any of his Papers (of wch he hath a vast Number relating to our Antiquities) any thing relating to Culham in Oxfordshire, near to Abbington in Berkshire, and 'till he hath an opportunity of reducing his Antiquities into good order, he can't let me have a good Account of the places they relate to. His Collection chiefly consists of a vast number of original Deeds, and some Court rolls from the Conqueror's time downwards, of Mannors and Lands in several Counties, but most in Essex and Suffolk, which he has not yet (as he said then) half sorted. Among them he finds some letters patents from ye Crown, some few ancient Computus's of the revenues of Mannors and religious houses, some Grants of Villains cum tota sequela, & other such Affairs; the rest are common Conveyances, many of which are curious for their Antiquity and fair Character, or for tracing the original of Families. He designs (as he said then) to range 'em in order, and make an Index of names & places, and then 'tis probable some of them may be usefull.

Last Night, about 11 Clock, was buried in Holywell Church, in the North Suburb of Oxford, one Mrs. Danvers, Wife of Mr. Danvers, formerly Gentleman Commoner[1] of Trinity College in Oxford, and now Recorder of Northampton, where this Mrs. Danvers, his Wife, died, and from whence she was brought yesterday. She was buried in a Coffin of Lead, by her Father and Mother, her Father being the famous Mr. Samuel Clark, right eminent in the Oriental Tongues, & Superior Beadle of Law in the University of Oxford, and, dying (Athen. Oxon., Vol. ii, col. 330) on the 27 of Decemb. in 1669, was buried in the middle of the body of the said Holywell Church, dedicated to the Holy Cross. Mr. Danvers, the foresaid Recorder of Leeds [*sic*], is an eminent Lawyer at Northampton and the adjacent Parts, doing most of the top Business there. Mrs. Danvers had a Brother, call'd Samuel Clark, who was a Stationer in

[1] [Above 'Gentleman Commoner' is written 'Scholar.']

Oxford, & Verger of the University, and another Brother a Printer, both of which are dead.

This Afternoon, meeting in Oxford, in High-Street, Mr. Hinde, Vicar of Waterstoke, near Thame, I took the opportunity of asking him about the Antiquities of Waterstoke, particularly about the Founder of the Church, who lies buried there, and some years since there appear'd a piece of his Inscription, wch I have put down in another Volume, but Mr. Hinde, with whom I have formerly discours'd upon this Subject, can tell nothing of it, tho' he said he was willing to renew it, and now wish'd that nothing of this nature was destroy'd. I thence took the liberty of inquiring of him about the Prone that was formerly in the Church, & commemorated both the Founder & the Benefactors, of wch kind there were others in all Churches & Chappels in England. But of this he was also ignorant, at the same time, however, pretending to lament the Cessation of this practise, and of wakes.

I then ask'd him about the Parsonage House of Chinner, wch Dr. Plot, in § 129 of Chap. ix of his Nat. Hist. of Oxfordshire, describes as very eminent for its Greatness, Commodiousness, and Elegancy of Building. Mr. Hinde knows the place very well, and referr'd me to Dr. Mather, our Present Vice-Chancellour and President of Corpus Xti College, for particulars, but said himself that 'tis certainly (notwithstanding its strange largeness) the most ill contriv'd Parsonage House in England. I told him that 'twas built by Dr. Nathaniel Gyles, formerly Rector there (tho' not mentioned as such by Anthony à Wood), & was of Magd. Coll. in Oxford, where he was, as a Member of that House, made Dr. of Divinity, being a Compounder, on July 8, 1625 (Athen. Oxon., vol. i, col. 232, Ed. 2d), the same Giles, I mean, that became Canon or Prebendary of Windsor in the latter end of 1623[1], and, in the latter end of 1626, Prebendary of Worcester, in the place of Hen. Bright, deceased, and died in the time of the grand Rebellion (Wood, ibid. in Ath. Oxon.)[2]. This Dr. Giles is omitted as Prebendary of Worcester in a Book call'd *The Antiquities of Worcester*, printed at Lond., in 8vo, 1717, where, however, he should have been mentioned in pag. 147. He was very great with the famous John Hambden, Esq., who was kill'd in Chalgrove-field, and was the Contriver of the foresaid Parsonage House of Chinner. Whence 'tis that we read this Passage, in page 241 of Sir Philip Warwick's Memoires of the Reigne of King Charles I, &c., a posthumous Work, published by my late very learned Friend, Dr. Thomas Smith: *The Doctor was a near neighbour and friend of Mr. Hambden's, and being an opulent man, he had built a very good Parsonage-house* (at Chinner), *in the contrivance of which structure Mr. Hambden had used his skill.*

Mr. Hinde told me that his (Mr. Hinde's) Nephew, Mr. Kennett, Master of Arts of Merton College, was lately made Prebendary of Peterborough, worth at least 100 libs., & sometimes 150 libs., per an., by his Father, Dr. White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough. I call him his Nephew, because Mr. Hinde's Wife & the Bp's second Wife were Sisters.

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[1] Mar. 2d, 1623. Le Neve's Fasti, p. 385.

[2] [Note by Dr. Bliss:] Nat. Giles was also Rector of Newnton Longville, Bucks., presented by the Warden & Fellows of New Coll., Sept. 21, 1620.

July 21 (Wed.). Mr. Gray, in his Letter above mentioned of June 22d, 1723, told me that as to Monasteries, &c., he hath a large parcel of old Deeds, Grants, and Computus's relating to the Cell of Rumburgh (an Appendant to a Priory in York [1]), and to the Priory of Layston in Suffolk, and that of Hedingham in Essex, some few to Much Lees and Iklington, Letters Patents of Foundation of a religious house at Badlesmere in Kent, temp. Ed. 2d, and the original Surrender from the Abbot and Convent of Reevesby in Lincolnshire to King Hen. 8th, under their common Seal & their hands, and an Indenture of Covenants with the Duke of Suffolk, who granted them Stipends for Life. He hath likewise some Office Copies of Perambulations on their Forests in Essex, and of Charters of Disafforresting, of the (De Vere) Earl of Oxford's Knts' Fees in that County, and of several Offices found post mortem, &c. One MS. he hath which he should greatly value, if he could say it was more than a Fragment. 'Tis a Transcript, taken with great Care & Accuracy by Sr Simon D'Ewes, about the Year 1633, from the records and registers of the Abbey of St. Edmonds Bury, some of which were in the hands of Sr Edmd Bacon. The first he finds there is a Copy of several Fines, levied to or by the Abbot and Convent of several Advowsons of Churches in Suff., temp. Hen. 2d; then a Grant from King Ædgar cuidam Matronæ nomine Æðelfled, cherles wedan quam & ipsa Sancto Ædmundo donavit; it is witnessed by 2 Archbishops & 2 Bishops (but does not name their Sees), 1 Abbot, 4 Dukes, and 5 who call themselves Minister; then follow 3 pages, in a small folio, of like transcripts of Deeds and Wills before the Conquest, & leaves off imperfect; then follow plea rolls of the revenues of the Crown, 16 folios, in what reign he knows not, for the beginning is torn away. Cornwallia, he believes, is perfect; then Euerwicscira, under which he finds these Entries: 'Archiepiscopus Eboracensis reddit Compotum de x Marcis argenti de Dominio suo, Et de xxv Marcis Argenti de Vavassoribus suis de eisdem Placitis. In Thesauro c s.'; and afterwards: 'Serlo de Burgo debet de Redditibus Archiepiscopatus de Euerwicscira, dum fuit in manu sua, vii s. et iii d.'; this County is also perfect, then comes Northumberland: 'Gospatricius de novo Castello debet 20 Marcas argenti ut purgaret se de Judicio ferri per Sacramentum'; the next is Hantescira, then Insula de Wicht, Honor' de

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July 21, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Rawl. 34. 109). Thanks for fresh 'Supplies.' 'But you say not a word of *The Memorialls Cronicles* I mentioned. If I should call it *Chronicon Rawlinsonianum*, I suppose it would not be absurd, altho' no Account of Rawlinson should be in it. I speak this upon account of *Chronicon Godstovianum*. I mentioned *select*, because you us'd the word your self. I shall keep the sheets to my self. I have not had an opportunity of reading Dr. Hale's Speech, but I have Dr. Mead's by me, he being so kind as to send it me. I love Gratitude, and where I find Friendship, I am not asham'd to acknowledge it. Pray, who do you mean by the Hounsditch Pawn-Broking Father? [See Diary, July 31.] I would also desire to know whether Mr. Ainsworth of Hackney be a rigid Non-juror, as I am told he is; and what sort of Gentleman Mr. Ward is of Gresham-College (Professor, I think, there of Rhetorick); and also what sort of Spark Mr.

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[1] To the Abbey of St. Mary. Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 212.

Arundel, and, last of all, half a paragraph wch begins: 'Grentebrugescira — Herveius, Episcopus de Ely, reddit Compotum de vii Marcis auri & dimidia, pro ministerio Willelmi, Nepotis sui,' &c. By this Mr. Gray takes the whole to have been in Hen. 1st's time; then follow 20 pages of Fines levied of lands in Northamptonshire, temp. Hen. 2d. He hath one compleat MS. of the same Gentleman's, which he (Sir Sim. Dewes) intitles, 'Collectanea abstracta ex Rotulis placitorum, in temp. E. 1, in recept' Scaccarij ad familias & loca in Comitatu Cantabrigiæ enucleanda spectantium,' being 13 Pages of a small folio. Then comes another Fragment copy of Plea rolls in Hen. 3d's time, & Ed. 1 & 2d. Among wch he finds one in Hen. 3d, where Robert de Askeby, parson of Dokelington, impleads the Abbot of Osney for taking his Corn; the Abbot says that Robt demised his Church to farm to R. B. for Years [*sic*], which Church is of the Advowson of John Dyne, & that the Abbot held a Chappel within the Castle of Oxford, wch is of the King's Advowson, to wch Chappel 2 Garbs of Tithes belong'd of the Demesnes of Dokelington, &c., & justifies the taking; an Issue is join'd, but the judgment is not given. Patentes, anno 8o E. 1: 'Alanus filius Roaldi, vicecomes Oxoniensis, attachiatur ad respondendum Abbati de Thaur pro Capcione bonorum & detencione, non obstante breve Regis. Qui venit & advocat capcionem, & dicit quod deliberavit, &c., set examinato processu compertum est quod detinuit capcionem per xvii septimanas. Ideo capiatur & comittatur Gaole; qui postea finem fecit cum Domino Rege x l., & pro dampnis solvit x l.' Michaelis, 10 E. 1, Oxon': 'Appellum pro Raptu cassatur eo quod Appellans non nominavit certum diem nec certum annum nec certum locum quando ipsam rapuisse debuisset.' Mr. Gray could not then pick up any thing else which regards the County of Oxford only, but if any thing of that sort should come to his hands, he said he would venture to trouble me with it.

July 22 (Th.).

On Tuesday, the 13th instant, at a Meeting of the Governours, Dr. Charles Bale was unanimously elected Physician to the Charter-House, in the room of Dr. Levet, deceas'd.—*Northampt. Mercury.*

The same Evening the Physicians met at their College in Warwick-Lane, and chose Dr. Plumtree their Treasurer, in the room of the said Dr. Levet.

Sir Philip Sydenham, in a Letter from Brimpton, June 15, 1723, gave me leave to publish what I thought fit out of Mr. Hatcher's Catalogue of King's College, wch I had of Sir Philip, he being so kind as to lend it me, and at the same time he inform'd me Mr. Upton, from whom himself had it, readily granted it also.

Sir Philip has part of a Letter wrote by Oliver Cromwell himself, in these Words, to General Monk: '*Tis said there is a cunning Fellow in Scotland called George Monk, who lyes in wait there to serve Charles Stuart; pray use your diligence to take him, & send him up to me.*

Bruce of Hackney is. But this *nos inter nos.*' [PS.] Sees no reason to alter his opinion of the print of Sir Thomas More, which he had from Mr. Murray. 'You take the most elegant Prints and Effigies to be the most ancient, I the contrary.'

In the same Letter Sir Philip observes that Gen. Monk's Lady, Sister to Dr. Clarges (tho' Sir Philip believes he never was Doctor), had a Gown called the Treason Gown, wch she often put on, and had the liberty to paint out the Men[1] of Westm. in their bloudy, rebellious Colours, & this she did, says the Historian (so Sir Philip writes), with a great deal of Wit, and often influenced her husband.

Mr. Firebrass (says Sir Philip) in his treatise mentions different persons from Dr. Barwick's. Coll. Lidcot's Xtian name was Leonard. Sr Ric. Willis, Govr of Newark, was so insolent and base to the King's own person that an Historian writes that the King ought to have hanged him up, & also that Prince Rupert & Maurice were as bad and provoking; they both then left & deserted the King, & saw him no more. Perhaps they had pensions from the Rebellious Parliament, as was well known their Brother, the Palatine, had, who died of the Plague. Sr Rich. Willis afterwards betrayed King Charles the 2d, which was discovered by Mr. Sam. Morland, Cromwell's envoy to Piedmont. King Charles Ist escaped from Loyal Oxford to the Perfidious Scots in a Clergyman's habit. Mr. Thorndike was chosen, on the Death of Dr. Ward, Master of Sidney College, & confirmed by the King, but by the Fanatical party not suffered to be admitted. Mr. Houlet (in the Preface to Dr. Barwick's Life) was Rect. of Lachington in Essex, pres. by Abp Laud. He was Tutor in Sidney Coll., of wch he was Fellow. [The] Abp gives him a great Character.

July 23 (Fri.). On Wednesday last, at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for giving the Degree of Master of Arts to one Mr. Freeman, lately Gentleman Commoner of Magd. Coll., wch was accordingly done, he being, as I am told, above standing for that degree, and having taken (as Mr. Whiteside told me) the Degree of Bachelour of Arts regularly. He is a Man that bears a good Character, as having been studious & sober. He is a great Walker.

Mr. Baker of Cambridge, when I was printing Robert of Gloucester, told me by Letter that he knew nothing of Robert of Brunne, tho' there were several of the name, and one Johannes de Brune (a considerable man) was Prior of Barnwell, near Cambridge, in the time of Edward the third, who (says Mr. Baker) probably took his name (with the rest) from Burne, or Brune, a Town of that name within 3 or 4 Miles of Cambridge. NB. In my Preface to Peter Langtoft I have shew'd that Robert of Brunne, that I have quoted in Rob. of Glouc., & who translated and improved Peter Langtoft, was so call'd from the Priory of Brunne, or Bourne, in Lincolnshire.

July 24 (Sat.). Yesterday, as I came from Sandford, at Iffley I met with one Robert Day, a Man of sixty six Years of Age, as he told me, whom I do not remember to have seen but once before. He lives at Burcot, near Dorchester, with his Wife, by whom he hath had (as I was told at Iffley) ten fine Children, several of wch are now living. He is a Man that brings Fish often to Oxford, and is a basket maker by trade. He pretends to much Sanctity and Religion, and great Skill

[1] [Above 'Men' is written 'Tyrants.']

in the Scriptures. But I was well inform'd that he is a[1] downright dissembling Hypocrite, that he is a Presbyterian, and often preaches or holds forth to those demure People. His Wife is fifty six Years of Age, and hath been a comely body, but she [. . . . . .] absented from her husband, went to Bath & other places, and lived a debauch'd, vicious course of Life for ten Years together, & at last was sent home to her Husband by a Pass, but she is now so very infirm, & so distemper'd, that she is incapable of helping herself in any degree. I am told her Elopement was occasion'd, in good measure, by the ill Practices of her Husband.

July 25 (Sun., St. James). Memorand. that about a Week since was entered, as Gentleman-Commoner of Edmund-Hall, by the direction of Mr. Burton, Pro-Proctor of Corpus Xti Coll., one Mr. Thompson, descended of English Parents, but born at Congingsburg in Brussia [*sic*], as Mr. Burton told me Yesterday, when I met him accidentally, and he added that he designs to stay here 4 or 5 years, that he is about 23 Years of Age, that he understands Latin, Greek, and Hebrew excellently well, & is a good sort of Man. So he said. We are apt to commend Forreigners too soon and too much. He put on his Gown Yesterday.

The said Mr. Burton preached on Thursday Morning last, at St. Marie's, the Assize Sermon before the two Judges, viz. the Lord Chief Justice Eyre and Mr. Baron Hale. Mr. Greenway of Hart-Hall was put up to have preach'd, but it seems he had a Cold, wch hindered him. This Mr. Greenway is a Tutor in Hart Hall, and a pretty forward Man, and is Nephew to Stephen Fletcher, one of our Oxford Booksellers, to whom he serv'd at the trade for some time in his Shop.

July 26 (Mon.). Some time since I writ to Mr. Baker of Cambridge about the Madrid *Index Expurgatorius*. In answer to my Letter, he told me, the 24th of April last, that the Bp of Ely's (Dr. More's) Books are so numerous, & yet in such disorder, that it is hardly possible to meet with a Book wch I want. But Mr. Baker lookt [at] his Catalogue, and finds it thus: *Index Expurgatorius, Madriti*, 1640, *Fol. Idem ibidem*, 1612. *Iterum*, 1667. So it seems there are more Editions than one; wch is the scarce one, Mr. Baker does not know. That there are more is confirm'd by Bp Barlow in his *Directions to a young Divine*, &c., P. 68. His Words are: *Index Hispanicus, Madriti*, 1612, *Fol. Several other editions there are—that wch is beyond all others most compleat and usefull is that Madriti, ex Typographæo Didaci Diaz, Fol.*, 1667, *& in the margin cites the rest thus, Madrit.*, 1571, 1584, *et Madriti*, 1614, *et Madriti iterum*, 1640. That which he commends as most usefull, Mr. Baker says, they have in their College Library of St. John's at Cambridge, under this Title: *Index Librorum prohibitorum et expurgandorum novissimus, Madriti, ex Typographæo Didaci Diaz*, MDCLXVII, *Fol.*, & is, indeed, a very usefull Book, but wch Edition is most scarce or uncommon, the Bp says nothing. See what is said about an *Index Expurgatorius* in the first Volume of these Remarks.

[1] [MS. 'that his a.']

This Morning S^{t}. Peter's in the East Bells rung for George, L^{d} Brudnell (son of the Earl of Cardigan), it being his Birth day, and he being of Queen's Coll. in this Univ., tho' he hath not yet put on a Gown. He was born, July 26, 1712, his Mother being the Lady Eliz. Bruce, eldest Daughter of Thomas Bruce, Earl of Ailesbury.

July 27 (Tu.). Yesterday Morning died my Lady Tyrrell, in S^{t}. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, where she lived with her second Husband, D^{r}. Rich^{d} Frewin (M.D.), her first Husband, who hath been dead many Years, being Sir .... Tyrrell. By both her Husbands she had several Children, but there is not one living that she had by the D^{r}.; but she hath left two Daughters living by her first husband. She was a little more than fourty Years of Age, was a very good Woman, belov'd by her Neighbours and others, & was charitable. She was afflicted a great while mightily with the Gout and Rheumatism.

My Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., just before he sent me his Alfred of Beverley, w^{ch} I afterwards printed, lent me 2 Volumes of his odd Things, Letters P. & S. They were not half full, but he observ'd that something might be fixt from them, that the least Notitia was worth observing, and that honest Anthony Wood furnish'd his Book with such. *Of the Derelicta* (saith M^{r}. Rawlinson), *and what has since happen'd, I despaire not from your hands in better Times of a better Work.*

M^{r}. West of Balliol College told me yesterday that the Gentleman who hath got the old Register of Plimpton Abbey (see above, pag. 112) is M^{r}. Strode, near Plymouth. His Ancestors, as 'tis said, had a Quarrel with the Monks, and so got the Register some way or other.

The History of England M^{r}. West told me of a little while ago[1] he said yesterday belongs to M^{r}. Sandford of Balliol College, that 'tis in Latin, & was written by one Clayn, a Dutchman.

July 28 (Wed.). Arthur Vansittart, Esq., hath now the Estate in Berks. that was M^{r}. Cherry's, and is Patron at Shottesbrooke, and both Shottesbrooke and White-Waltham are in his Gift, and he lately gave both to the R^{d} M^{r}. L. Torkington, a Cambridge Man.

M^{r}. (now D^{r}.) Ralph Bridges told me, in a Letter from London, May 1, 1724, that whereas I mentioned, in a Letter to him, the Plan that his Brother, the late John Bridges, Esq., had got done of Cæsar's Camp in Windsor Forest in Berks., he remember'd to have seen the rough Draft of it in his Brother's Life time, and heard the Plate was engraved, but could not as yet find any notes or observations of his own upon it, nor had he then seen the Plate it self. Since that he met with the Plate, and sent me a Proof, but 'twas not corrected, nor had he light upon any Observations of his Brother's relating to it. I am told by M^{r}. Allen of X^{t} Church that he certainly writ down some Notes or Observations in a Book, but that they were of no great account.

July 29 (Th.). M^{r}. Ward of Longbridge writes me word from Warwick, in a Letter of the 3^{d} instant, that, looking over the Index Nominum Scriptorum in Bale, he was not a little pleas'd to meet with the

[1] See above, pag. 112.

following remark: '☞ Joannes, Archicantor Romanus, ritum cantandi ac modulandi cum Organis Anglis tradit'; but, turning back to the place directed, he could find no such mention of Organs there, nor in Bede, from whom the Story is taken: so he concludes this Passage was inserted purely by way of sneer, John Bale being a known Enemy to Church-Musick, and (as is allow'd by all) too virulent in his Invectives against the Romanists. Bartholomæus Glanvil gives some account of this noble Instrument in his Book de Proprietatibus Rerum, cap. 134, fol. 386, of the old English Translation, made at command of Sir Thomas, Lord of Berkeley, anno 1397, and printed by Tho. Berthelet, the 27th of Hen. VIII. Mr. Fancourt, Bookseller of Stratford upon Avon, Mr. Ward saith, hath two different (but imperf.) Editions of this Translation; the one printed by W. de Worde, and the other by R. P., as Mr. Ward thinks.

Mr. Wood observes, Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., l. ii, p. 151, that William Port and Joan, his Wife, gave to New College Chappel the greater Organs (Organa illa majora), anno 1455, wch was the 34th year of Hen. VI, fourscore Years after the College was founded, wch was in 1375, 49 Edw. 3d (Langbaine's Account of the Foundation of the Univ. of Oxford, p. 7), before wch Year 1455, perhaps, they had no Organs, there being no mention of any in the College Statutes, or if they had any, they were small ones. All Souls College (Langbaine, p. 9) was founded anno 1437, $\frac{15}{16}$ of Hen. VI (eighteen Years before the great Organs were given to New College), and Magd. College, anno 1459, $\frac{37}{38}$ of Hen. VI (four years after those Organs were given to New-Coll.).

July 30 (Fri.). Last night, between five and six of the Clock, was buried, by two Children that she had by her second Husband, Dr. Frewin, my Lady Tyrrell, in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon. The Funeral was private, & not splendid, according to her own order and direction. For, happening to look out of the Window when Dr. Frampton's Lady was carrying, in a very magnificent manner, by to be buried in the same Church, & seeing the rudeness then committed, more like to a bear baiting than a Funeral, she was so affected at it that she declared and desired that when she died she might be buried privately and decently. This Lady had been some Years ago a very gay Woman, insomuch that she used to say that my Lord Hillesborough, who hath been, and so he is still, a very handsome man, had two hundred Graces in his Lips. This Lord Hillesborough is one of those wanton, immodest Gentlemen that, a year or two ago, us'd to ride naked, & make strange work with young Women, and others, of wch we had accounts in the publick Prints, 'till at last a Carter happened to whip some of them, as they were thus naked, at a place in Buckinghamshire, after wch we heard no more of their Pranks. She was fourty six Years of Age. The Servants mightily lament her, as having, they say, lost the best of Mistresses.

On Wednesd., the 21st instant, the Earl of Macclesfield paid his Fine of thirty thousand Pounds into his (as they call the Duke of Brunswick) Majesty's Exchequer, whereby his Ldship is discharg'd from his Confinement in the Tower. The next day he came to his House in Lincoln's-

Inn-Fields, and the day after (being the 23d) he made a Visit to the Dutchess of Marlborough, at her House in St. James's Park.

July 31 (Sat.). The Widow Gilman, Sister of the Revd Mr. Wm Meers, M.A. of Edm. Hall in Oxon., May 3, 1680 (who died at his said Sister's in St. Peter's in the East, some Years ago, a Batchelour), was threescore and fourteen Years old last April.

My Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., writ me word, a little more than a Week since, that his Wife is *a poor, good natur'd, honest, persecuted Creature*, alluding to the Troubles in wch they are both involv'd, occasion'd by his Creditors.

Mr. Rawlinson said he hop'd I had read Dr. Hale's Speech for the English Interest of Physick. I have not yet had the opportunity of reading it.

At the same time Mr. Rawlinson tells me that the Glasse Fairford [*sic*] Windows being captivated from abroad, he questions whether any Eternity was meant in England for the unknown Artist.

He hath but an indifferent opinion of my Friend, Mr. John Murray, whom I and others look upon as a very honest Man, as without doubt he is, but my Friend, Mr. Rawlinson, is disgusted. Mr. Rawlinson calls him *immane quoddam Monstrum*, says he only knows how to be sly, and that he was educated under his Hounsditch Pawn-broking Father. At the same time he tells me John Bagford, as he takes it, was a much honester Man than John Murray, and more knowing, and that the other has . . . . . instead of it. NB. Mr. Rawlinson owes Mr. Murray Money, an hundred Pounds, I am told, upon bond, wch Mr. Murray is urgent now, upon Mr. Rawlinson's Marriage, to have again, wch puts my Friend, Mr. Rawlinson, out of humour.

Aug. 1 (Sun.). Mr. Rawlinson at the same time hinted that Dr. Mead, &c., are only my pretended Friends, *and have encourag'd my Studies seemingly to make themselves Glory*. I must beg his pardon. Dr. Mead, &c., profess true Friendship, and I have recd signal Instances of it, and I have not as yet found any cause to be jealous.

He says, *the Lord Oxford, that fat, booby Calf, as they call him, is a Rascall; that he knew Mr. Rawlinson meant an Epitaph on poor John Bagford, yet slighted him* (Mr. Rawlinson), *and has giv'n none himself.* My Lord hath shew'd me many particular Instances of Friendship, and I am willing to believe him sincere.

Mr. Rawlinson says *he doubts Lenthall's Picture* of Sir Thomas More's Family (mentioned in my Preface to Roper) *for an Original*, and signifies that *a pretty Picture is in a drunken, sorry wretche's hand, one Southerby he thinks they call the Creature.* This is Mr. James Sotheby, whom I have mentioned in my Books more than once as an ingenious Man, and, indeed, he was curious formerly, and was much assisted by Mr. Bagford, but, it seems, he is grown an idle, useless Sot, as I have been also inform'd by Mr. Murray.

July 31, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 25). [See account of this letter, Diary, Aug. 6–8.]

Aug. 2 (Mon.). Yesterday being the Inauguration day of K. George (as they stile the Duke of Brunswick), the Sermon before the University was preach'd at S^t^. Marie's by M^r^. Streat of Merton-College, who, as he is a most rank, vile Whig, so he extoll'd this Prince (as I am told) in as lofty Colours as he could, telling them, in the usual manner, that he was the most excellent that ever sat upon the Throne, and that his Goodness and Virtues are universally seen and acknowledg'd even in all Countries, that he is a most generous & kind Friend and Benefactor to our two Universities, with abundance of other canting stuff.

On the Sunday immediately before, preached in the same Church before the University (viz. on July 25), in the Morning, M^r^. Bowles of Oriel Coll., upon John, v. 39, *Search the Scriptures*, and made, as I hear from all hands, a most vile, scandalous, incoherent, rambling Discourse, more like a Romance than a Sermon, in w^ch^, among other Things, he fell upon D^r^. Mill's Testament, signifying that he had not collated his MSS. rightly, and call'd him by Name a down right Trifler, at the same time, however, speaking honourably of Bishop Fell, as he did also of the Writer of these Matters for publishing *Acta Apostolorum*, w^ch^, he said, was done very faithfully, without adding or diminishing, and with much Judgment.

Aug. 3 (Tu.). M^r^. Tho. Rawlinson tells me by Letter that he believes he hath seen *the Original Edition of The Life of Mirandula*, w^ch^ he mentions upon occasion of what I say at p. xxxii before Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More. He also tells me that Sir Thomas More's Book against Brixius is in 4^to^, and he thinks by Pynson. He says Sir Thomas More's Utopia

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Aug. 3, 1725. H. to T. Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 1). 'I am well pleas'd with whatever Memoirs you send, and I take care to make entrances in my little Books, w^ch^ may be of good service hereafter, if they happen to fall into honest hands. But in some of your Memoirs you are too dark. I do not yet understand what Principles the Hounsditch Pawnbroker was of, and yet I would willingly know. But I durst not ask you any question, least I should put you out of humour, as I did by mentioning your MS. Chronicle, if I may guess by your free Expression, *Why, monstrous Peeper.* Yet I love your freedom, and cannot take any thing amiss from you, you are so sincere a Friend. Had I known you had been so ill (for w^ch^ I am very sorry), I should have been silent as to the Chronicle, tho' my design in it was to get a short account of it, that I might turn it to publick service. But now, e'en let it lye with others in obscurity. I have read, as I told you, my Friend D^r^. Mead's Speech. But for Chishull's Account of the Coyns printed with it, I attempted to read it, but he is so dry, heavy a writer, that I could not go on many lines. Notwithstanding the Hypothesis they have advanced, that these Coyns were to Physicians, I am of the old opinion that they were to the Στρατηγοί. And I do not hear that any are made proselytes by what they have advanc'd. M^r^. Murray sometime ago mention'd M^r^. Ainsworth to me as a mighty honest nonjuring Man, and very worthy of my Acquaintance, if he should come to Oxford. I am grown very shy of conversing with any, unless I am pretty sure what they are. M^r^. Ward of Gresham, I am told, is a Presbyterian, and that his Pupil, Bruce, is no otherwise. This Bruce was lately in Oxford, and call'd upon me twice, tho' without any recommendation; neither had I any knowledge of him, any more than his subscribing once to me by M^r^. Murray. I

came out first at Lovain, dedicated Petro Ægidio, in 4^to^. Certainly (saith he) More's Life in 4^to^ was printed beyond the Seas.

On Friday last (July 30) was buried in the Vault of the Stonehouses of Radley, near Abbington in Berks., Rich^d^ Stonehouse, of Tubney, near Abbington, Esq., Cousin to Sir John Stonehouse. He was about 45 years old, a good natured sot, and died a married Man, strangely afflicted with the Dropsy. He died about Wednesd., July 28[1].

Last Night S^t^. Peter's Bell in the East went for M^rs^. Clements, a pretty Woman, of Cherlbury in Oxfordshire, Wife of M^r^. Clements, an Upholsterer of Oxford, younger Brother of M^r^. Rich^d^ Clements, Bookseller of Oxon. This Upholsterer is an extravagant, idle Fellow, never went of late near his Wife, but some time agoe he was beyond Sea, and now he loyters about in Oxford and other Places. As for Rich^d^, the Bookseller, who is a Batchelour, he is a sober Man, & honest.

Aug. 4 (Wed.). Yesterday M^r^. West of Balliol-Coll. put into my hands to peruse, the little Book he had told me of, and call'd, *Clein's History of England.* It is intitled, *Historia Britanniæ, Hoc est, de Rebus gestis Britanniæ seu Angliæ Commentarioli tres, nunc denuo excusi: Quibus accesserunt prœter generalem Angliæ descriptionem Marginalia & Index rerum copiosus; Ambergæ, Typis Johannis Schönfeld,* MDCIII, 12^o^. It is inscrib'd thus:—

DN.
SIGISMUNDO THEOPHILO RICHIO,
Clariss. & ampliss. viri
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THEOPHILI RICHII,
ELECT. PALAT. IN SUPERIORI PALATINATU
Consiliarij & redituum Præfecti,
FILIO,
Nunc in Belgiam abeunti,
HOSCE
COMMENTARIOLOS
RECUSOS
Boni Ominis
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Joh. Theod. Clain.

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was pretty free (w^ch^ now I wish I had not [been]) in talking with him. I find he told me many lyes, w^ch^ smells of a Presbyterian. I know not who you mean by your *Ancient M^r^.*, to whom (you say) you was *Toad-Eater.* Speak plain, if you would benefit your Friend and servant, T.H.' [PS.] 'Keep what I write to your self.' [This is Hearne's last letter to Rawlinson, who died on August 6.]

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[1] See below, Aug. 5.

Then immediately follows these verses:—

SUO JOH. THEOD.
CLAIN,
HOS COMMENTARIOLOS
DE NOVO EXCUDENTI.

Magna Britannorum virtus, & gloria Trojæ,
Quæque vetustas sit, scribere si quis avet:
Audeat ingentis LivI contendere Musæ:
Aut tanto pressus pondere terga dabit.
Nonnisi codicib. magnis comprendere fas est,
Hanc rerum molem, & fortia facta virum.
Hic liber exiguis chartis primordia gentis
Et regum breviter nomina, resque notat.
Sed velut indocti pigmentis, linea gnari
Pictoris mage rem, prima referre solet:
Sic quæ tu Anglorum studio compendia Cleini
Non pateris tenebris tecta jacere nigris,
Illa tomos possunt verbosos vincere quosvis:
Summa hæc, nervosa sed brevitate placent.
Joh. Jac. Taurellus.

This is the very same Book that was reprinted with the same Title in 1640, at Oxford, only instead of the former Printer is added, *Oxoniæ, Excudebat Leonard. Lichfield, impensis Matthiæ Hunt, Ann. Dom.* 1640, and instead of the Inscription and Verses is added a Preface, subscrib'd M. H. (i.e. Matthias Hunt). Now, as it does not appear that Clain was the true Author from the other Edition, but only the Editor, so Hunt may as well from this Ed. be call'd the Author as Clain. This Oxford Ed. is also in 12°.

On Monday last the Bells went in Oxford for one Mrs. Cherry of South-Hinxsey, aged about 50 Years. Her Husband, a Gentleman, hath been dead a good while. Her Maiden Name was Willis, and her Mother (aged, I am told, almost a hundred) lives now at South-Hinxey, & 'twas with her that her Daughter died.

Aug. 5 (Th.). Mr. Stonehouse above mentioned (Aug. 3d) was a very good natur'd Man, but very wild. His Wife (now a Widow), who is Daughter to one Bullock of London, an old Man, and (as I have been told) a Merchant, is as good a natur'd, prudent, discreet Woman as can be. He hath left by her two Sons, James & Richard. The eldest, James, is the Heir.

On Tuesday Night last was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon., by her Husband and Children, and other Relations, Mrs. Wild, an old Woman of that Parish, whose Husband had been a Capper or Hatter in that Parish. She died poor, so that Money was collected for her Funeral.

Dr. Dimsdale, the famous Man Midwife at Hertford, is lately dead.—*Northampt. Mercury* for Aug. 2, 1725.

On Tuesday Morning, July 27 last, Walter Plummer, Esq., Member of Parliament for Aldborough, and one of the Managers against the Earl of Macclesfield, was married to Miss Hanbury, a Fortune of 14000l., at St. Margaret's, Westminster.—*Ibid.*

NB. Mr. Plummer is about 50 Years of Age, and Miss Hanbury under 20.

Aug. 6 (Fri.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge tells me, in a Letter of the 31 of last Month, that what I said to him of antient Copies of Piers Plowman, wch, as I told him, seems to have been altered, as in Rob. of Glocester, & on the other side, of Wickliff & Britte being mention'd in his Crede, leaves it very doubtfull where to fix his age. All Mr. Baker knows further is (what he believes I know already) that Stow, in his Annals, Pag. 238, Ann. 1342, has these words: *This yeere* (1342) *John Malverne, Fellow of Oriall Colledge in Oxford, made & finished his Booke entituled, The visions of Pierce Plowman.* Mr. Baker observes that if they have any Register at that College so antient, his age might thence appear. Weever, Fun. Mon., Pag. 72, placeth him under the same Reign (Ed. 3), but Mr. Baker presumes he may follow Stow, & so they both make but one Authority. Mr. Baker's Edition of Pierce Plowman is the same with mine, 1561. Crowley's Edition he cannot meet with.

My Friend, Mr. Dyer, being retired from Oriel College into Devonshire (his native County), and not like to return again (tho' he hath not resign'd, neither does design to resign, his Fellowship), I cannot tell now how to get any Information about their Registers at that College. Mr. Wood mentions this John Malverne, otherwise, as he notes, called Robert de Langland, in p. 106 of his iid Book of Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., but he quotes no Register, wch, I suppose, he would have done, had he seen any. It may be, he follow'd Stow, or rather, Pitseus, since he (Pitseus) tells us that he wrot, besides the Visions, a Continuation of Polychronicon, and informs us (Appendix, p. 878) that 'tis in MS. in Bennett Coll. Library, wch is what Mr. Wood does likewise. I wonder there is nothing of this noted Satyrical Writer in Dr. Cave's *Historia Litteraria*, especially in that Appendix to it wch was drawn up by a Man so knowing in these Affairs, Mr. Wharton.

Aug. 7 (Sat.). In my last Letter to Mr. Baker I mention'd Tho. Eccleston's Book *de adventu Minorum*, &c., upon which he tells me (in his said Letter of July 31) that this Book must be very valuable, if it could be met with: but he dares say it is not at Queens' College in Cambridge. He hath turn'd their MSS. some years ago (which are not many), and must have taken notice of it, if it had been there. Dr. Tanner (he says), who call'd upon him lately in his way to Oxford (where he is now), is the likest man to have heard of it, if it is to be found, since it might be of use to him in his present design, which is almost finisht (viz. his Notitia Monastica), but he has so much other business upon his hands that (says Mr. Baker) *I doubt we shall not see it in hast. When it goes to the Press, he intends to make quick dispatch by employing more Presses than one.* I have not yet had an opportunity of speaking with Dr. Tanner. We have exspected a new Ed. of his Notitia Monastica

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Aug. 7, 1725. R. Levett to H. (Rawl. 15. 122). Wishes to become a constant subscriber in the place of Dr. Levett. Will give directions for sending books.

many Years, and, when he was in Town above a Year since, he told my Compositor, Mr. Rance (since deceas'd), that it would be ready in a year's time, and that he would bring it with him in his next Return to Oxford. I really believe him in earnest with this Work; but for Leland & Boston of Bury de Scriptoribus, & the Antiquities of Wiltshire, and some other Things, I begin now to despair of seeing them from him.

This day Sennight, viz. July 31, Mrs. Gift Miller was married to Mr. Newe at Holton, by Whately. Mr. Gardiner of Corpus married them. Mr. Newe is son of Mr. Newe and Mrs. Newe that kept the King's Arms in Holywell, and his Mother died very lately at Sandford, where she lived with her Son after the Death of her husband. He is a thin, half-strain'd Fellow. The Match was kept off as long as his Mother liv'd, who was a sensible Woman, but since he was drawn in, and I have heard it said that if his Wife dies first, he is so tied as not to marry again. She is the only Child of Mrs. Miller, who lives behind the Angel Inn in Oxford, whose Husband died two or three Years agoe, and being born when they were elderly people, even when no body exspected that she would have a child, it was named (as I have heard) *Christ's Gift.* This Daughter, who is hardly twenty years old, is a swinging, lusty body, and no great Beauty. She hath lived 'till now with her Mother, who is a miserable, covetous Wretch, as is also her Sister, Mrs. Stafford, a Widow Woman, who lives with Mrs. Miller, as does also Mrs. Brooks (a Maiden Woman, near fourty years of age), who is Niece to Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Stafford, and is reported to be courted by the before-mentioned Mr. Gardiner, who hath got a good Parsonage, & hath just resign'd his Fellowship.

Aug. 8 (Sun.). I had made Enquiries after Dr. Fiddes at Oxford for Mr. Baker, who had lent him two MSS. But could not tell where he was, any otherwise than at London, and at last I understood he was dead. Mr. Baker, in his Letter above cited of July 31, thanks me for these Enquiries, and tells me he hath an account of Dr. Fiddes's Death from Mr. Anstis, at whose House at Putney he died, being invited thither, upon Dr. Mead's advising him to use the Country air in hopes of relief. He came in a weak condition, walked in the Garden that day, & went out in the Chariot. The next day walked again, & died in the Evening. 'He is buried in the Church Yard at Fulham, betwixt two Bishops, Compton & Robinson. He had not restor'd Mr. Baker's MSS., but Mr. Anstis (on whom Mr. Baker can depend) has promist to take care of them, & so Mr. Baker is very easy. His work of the Lives of Bp Fisher and Sir Thomas More, Mr. Baker doubts, dies with him, for having been lingring & declining several Months, in great disquiet from Family troubles, & other disappointments, he could not have made any great progress; and yet he told Mr. Baker some Months ago he had made a good progress in Sr Tho. More's Life. Just after Mr. Baker had finished his Letter, he had one from Mr. Anstis (as he tells me in a Postscript), signifying the Receit of his Books, and giving him some faint hopes of seeing the Doctor's two Lives in print.

Aug. 9 (Mon.). I was told last Night that Mr. William Reynolds,

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Aug. 9, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 203). 'This Morning I was

A. B. and Fellow of Exeter College, desires nothing more than to be the best Scholar in the World. He is the Son of Mr. Wm Reynolds, Schoolmaster of Exeter, who put out Pomponius Mela. This young Reynolds hath put out Proposals for printing *Lucian de Historia conscribenda*, in Gr. and Lat., at the Theater Press. It is to be put to the Press by Michaelmass next. 'Tis to be in 4to. Besides Notes and var. Readings, he designs to prefix a full account of L. Verus's Parthian Expedition, extracted from Capitolinus, Xiphilinus's Epitome of Dion, and scatter'd Passages of all other Authors who have incidentally touch'd upon this part of History; illustrated and supplied by above an hundred Coins and Inscriptions, engrav'd by the best hands, several of which have never yet been made publick.

I was told at the same time that Mr. Hutchinson of Hart Hall (who is printing at the Theater Xenophon's Cyropædia, in Gr. Lat., 4to) is a most horrid, conceited, proud, illnatur'd Fellow, cock-brain'd, and a much worse Scholar than he takes himself to be.

The same Gentleman that observ'd these Things (who is a person young and handsome himself) said that the Duke of Queensbury's Lady is the finest Creature he ever saw with his Eyes, nay, he believes her to be the most beautifull Lady ever born in England. 'Tis certain she was, and so she continues, very handsome, tho' the Duke himself is not very personable, nothing near to what his Brother, the Lord George Douglass (who is deceas'd), was. The Duke's Lady hath a Brother, the Lord Cornbury, a pretty young Gentleman of Xt Church.

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told that my Friend, Tho. Rawlinson, Esq., is dead, for wch I am very sorry. Pray be pleased to let me have some short account of it.' Wants to know whether the MSS. notes to Florence of Worcester in Mr. Granger's hands are by Mr. Wharton.

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